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Town of Boxford

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Together With the

Report of the School Committee and the

Various Town Officers

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

CASSINO PRESS, SALEM, MASS.

In Memoriam

John Albion Andrew

1874 - 1954

Election Officer, 1934-1954

John Tyler Chadwick

1870 - 1954

Election Officer, 1892-94 and 1896-97

Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Fence Viewer, 1894

Member of Committee on School Funds, 1934-54

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1955
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1956
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1957

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1955
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1956
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1957

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1955

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1956
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1956

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John Stuart Haywood	Term expires 1955
Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1956
Laurence D. Frizzell	Term expires 1957

BOARD OF HEALTH

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1955
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1956
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1957

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst John T. Chadwick
Harry E. Trask

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley Term expires 1956

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Curtis A. Kimball

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Albert G. Gale	Term expires 1955
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1955
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1956
Albert C. Waters, Jr.	Term expires 1956
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1957
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1957
Charles P. A. Nelson	Term expires 1958

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1955
Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1956
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1957

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1955
Dimon Lockwood	Term expires 1956
John G. Bolton	Term expires 1957

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1955
Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1956
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1957

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1956
Paul L. Killam	Term expires 1957

SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French
Chester A. Leighton
E. Preston Gould
Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.
Charles Getchell
Henry W. Nason
William B. Cowen

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson
Horace D. Moore
Ernest M. Mortimer
Francis S. Smith

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1950 census), 925.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is John Adams, 15 Stratford Road, Andover, Mass.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 5 Florence Street, Danvers, Mass.

LIST OF JURORS—1954-1955

Auger, Arthur A., retired, Washington Street, West Boxford
Blaisdell, Ralph W., leather worker, Killam Hill Road, Boxford
Cargill, Thomas E., retired, Main Street, Boxford
Childs, Vernon A., insurance broker, Elm Street, Boxford
Eaton, Forrest G., clerk, Middleton Road, Boxford
Feronetti, James, nurseryman, Ipswich Road, Boxford
Hebb, Horace T., lumber operator, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Morss, Walter K., fruit specialist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
O'Rourke, Joseph A., retired, Main Street, Boxford
Pearl, Simeon S., orchardist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Walker, William, retired, Main Street, West Boxford
Weatherbee, Robert S., foundryman, Main Street, West Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The annual town meeting of the voters of the Town of Boxford was held at the Town Hall, Boxford, at 8 p.m. on March 1, 1954 with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding as moderator. A short prayer was offered by Rev. William O. Hoover before the business meeting began. The following action was taken:

Article 1: Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and committees.

Article 2: Voted to adopt the suggested budget as amended.

Article 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4: Voted to appropriate $2000 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from the Overlay Reserve.

Article 5: Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $26,200.00 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to pass over.

Article 9: Voted to authorize the assessors to use such free cash in the treasury as they deem best for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 10: Voted to accept report of the committee relative to fire protection appointed by the Board of Selectmen by the direction of the town at the last annual town meeting, and to retain committee to report further at next special town meeting.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate $316.29 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, to be equally divided between the libraries of the East and West Parishes.

Article 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to continue the improvement of Main Street from the section completed in 1953 toward West Boxford.

Article 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Depot Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 14: Voted to appropriate $52.00 to lease a portion of the land owned by the Boxford Boy Scouts, Inc., for the purpose of storing town vehicles and, if necessary, building a town garage; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a long term lease, with above $52.00 to be used to defray taxes due on said property.

Article 15: Voted to raise and appropriate $500.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for the use towards the maintenance of the same.

Article 16: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to help meet the cost of modernizing the antiquated heating system of the West Boxford Public Library.

Article 17: Voted to pass over.

Article 18: Voted to postpone action until next special town meeting at which time a special committee appointed by the Selectmen will make specific recommendations.

Article 19: Resolved, at the request of the Town Clerk, that printing of amended zoning by-laws be deferred for one year because amendments are contained in annual town report.

Resolved: that the town clerk be instructed to communicate the deep sympathy of the townspeople on her misfortune to Miss Barbara Perley, the town accountant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A true record.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1954

Selectmen	$1,200.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	475.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,600.00
Accountant	2,000.00
Registrars	140.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	25.00

Finance Committee	150.00
Elections	200.00
Board of Health	1,200.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	1,700.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,026.89
Dutch Elm Disease Control	463.45
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	57,261.00
Vocational Education	400.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,850.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,000.00
Civilian Defense	432.00
Street Lighting	650.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Town Halls	2,000.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Clerical	450.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00

Interest on Loans	400.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Village Cemetery	100.00
Welfare District	198.00
Interest and Amortization of School Department	10,000.00
Total Departmental Appropriations	$116,466.34

OTHER ITEMS:

Article 12	$ 1,000.00	
Article 13	2,000.00	
Article 14	52.00	
Article 15	500.00	
Article 16	200.00	
		$ 3,752.00
Total to be Raised and Appropriated		$120,218.34

TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$ 500.00	
Article 4	2,000.00	
Article 5	26,200.00	
Article 11	316.29	
Total Transfers		$ 29,016.29

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 25, 1954

A special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs was held in the Town Hall, Boxford at 8:00 p.m., March 25, 1954. William J. Greenler, Jr., moderator, called for a minute of silent prayer before starting the business meeting. The articles of the warrant were acted on as follows:

Article 1: Voted that the town accept a donation of $332.00 from the Boxford Parent Teachers' Association, and appropriate the same amount for the School House Committee for the purpose of purchasing as part of the original equipment of the school building a curtain for the new school stage.

Article 2: Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate $100.00 to reimburse the office of Clinton Foster Goodwin for the tracings and prints of plans of various parcels of land in the Town of Boxford for use in assessing real estate as per list as submitted March 20, 1954.

Article 3. Voted 34 yes, 6 no, to raise and appropriate $700.00 to construct a four foot fence as recommended by a special committee between the Morse School property and the properties of Arthur A. Auger and Beatrice Wheeler. The members of the committee were Archibald L. Trull, J. Warren Chadwick, and Marion M. Colby.

Article 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the improvement of Middleton Road, such sum to be used in conjunction with $1,000.00 from the state and $500.00 from the County to be allotted under Chap. 90 of the General Laws, said moneys when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 5: Voted 34 yes, 6 no, to raise and appropriate $4,400.00 for improving fire protection facilities in line with

the recommendations of the committee appointed for that purpose, new equipment to be housed in West Boxford, and the facilities there to be altered as required to take care of new equipment. The members of the committee were Simeon S. Pearl, Herbert W. Sperry, Richard P. Chadwick, Joseph A. O'Rourke, and Robert F. Garrity.

Article 6: Voted to transfer $5,000.00 from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund to the School House Committee, to be used towards completing and originally equipping and furnishing the new school building.

Article 7: Voted to appoint a committee consisting of the Town Counsel, the chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Board of Selectmen to study and make recommendations regarding recodification and revision of the town by-laws, not including the zoning by-law or building code.

Article 8: Voted unanimously to amend Article 9 of the warrant for the annual Town Meeting so as to authorize the assessors to use a sum of free cash in the treasury not to exceed $10,000.00, as they deem best to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

Article 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the purpose of taking the 1955 census.

Article 10: Voted unanimously that the following resolution be adopted:

> "Be it resolved: that in recognition of the long, faithful, and efficient service of Harry Lee Cole as an officer in several capacities of the Town of Boxford for a period of nearly half a century, that the new and modern school building of the Town of Boxford be named in honor of that worthy and sterling citizen, Harry Lee Cole."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

None of the members of the Finance Committee were present, but their recommendations in regard to appropriations in the above articles had been received previous to the meeting.

A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

LIST OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING 1954

Date	*Name*	*Parents' Name*
1952		
June 18	Jeffrey Alan Ackerman	Alfred R. Ackerman, Jr. Ruth A. Weyhgandt
1953		
Dec. 4	Leonard Joseph Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rose Stevenson
Nov. 16	Martita Whitman Means	Robert L. Means Elizabeth A. Jackson
1954		
Jan. 27	Gregory Frederick Stelzner	William Boyd Stelzner Gertrude E. Corcoran
Feb. 1	Janice Ann Blake	Lawrence A. Blake Joan Chadwick
Feb. 20	Robert Michael Kelley	Herbert Royce Kelley Patricia E. Eldridge
Feb. 21	Valerie Irene Vrettos	Peter Leo Vrettos Joan C. Blackney
May 22	Raymond James Stecker	Raymond J. Stecker Mathilde Ros
Mar. 4	David John Sperry	Herbert S. Sperry Anne G. Morlani
June 14	Kathleen Marie Hebb	Robert E. Hebb Shirley M. Eastman

July	9	Peter George Retelle	Albert Richard Retelle Evelyn A. Yeutter
April	28	Robin Lee Perry	Francis F. Perry Grace E. Trefry
July	21	Thomas Nelson Blackburn	Thomas A. Blackburn Jean Batson
Sept.	10	Anne Taylor Haynes	Edward Hamilton Haynes Marguerite Taylor
Oct.	8	Dana Richard Gould	George Arthur Gould, Jr. Ione Mabelle McGray
May	30	Donna Carol MacPherson	Donald Stuart MacPherson Mary Compton
Aug.	21	Gwendolyn Jean Stantial	Richard M. Stantial Helen Walter
Aug.	14	John William Bowler	Richard Bowler Elizabeth C. Vray
Sept.	3	Robert Henry Noyes	Alerson Elmer Noyes Katherine I. Gamble
Oct.	3	Richard Lee Saunders	Donald R. Saunders Jeanne A. Gerry
Nov.	4	Christine Marie Baer	John Francis Baer Ruth K. Boucher
July	15	Donald Norman McCowan	Donald Gordon McCowan Nancy Beatrice Hilyard
Nov.	21	Cheryl Ann Dudley	Ralph A. Dudley, Jr. Charlotte A. Kelley

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING 1954

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
1954		
Mar. 21	Neil Bradley Osgood Laura Ann Bull	E. Boxford, Mass. Melrose, Mass.
April 24	Harry F. Loyzelle, Jr. Ada M. Parkhurst	Proctor, Vermont Boxford, Mass.

April 11	Donald R. Tyson	So. Pottstown, Penna.
	Carol E. Pratt	Boxford, Mass.
May 15	Richard Albert Durkee	Danvers, Mass.
	Jane Elizabeth Gamble	Boxford, Mass.
June 20	David Winthrop Kelley	Boxford, Mass.
	Patricia Mabel Bentley	Saugus, Mass.
July 17	Robert Arthur Manning	McKeesport, Penna.
	Sally Ann Waters	Boxford, Mass.
Sept. 1	Ronald D. Dole	Georgetown, Mass.
	Elaine B. Hopping	Boxford, Mass.
Sept. 24	Peter M. McMorran	Boxford, Mass.
	Janet C. Durkee	Topsfield, Mass.
Nov. 26	Alexander Gordon Price	Boxford, Mass.
	Susan Benson Manley	Longmeadow, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED DURING 1954

Date	*Name*	*Age* Yrs.	M.	D.
Jan. 4	Baby Evans	—	—	—
Feb. 22	Hans Anderson	85	—	—
Feb. 24	Sadie (Trask) Martyn	77	0	11
July 1	John Albion Andrew	79	9	24
Aug. 27	Sadie (O'Connell) Schertell	54	11	28
Oct. 5	Bertha (Palmer) Lane	85	2	15
Nov. 10	Lena (Helgeson) Gemmell	86	5	21
Dec. 28	John T. Chadwick, Sr.	84	7	13

DOG LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1954

74 Males @ $2.00	$148.00
12 Females @ $5.00	60.00
35 Spayed @ $2.00	70.00
7 Kennels @ $10.00	70.00
3 Kennels @ $25.00	75.00
1 Military (free)	
	$423.00
Fees @ $0.20	$ 26.20
Paid Town Treasurer	$396.80

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR 1954

43	Fishing Licenses @ $3.25	$139.75
44	Hunting Licenses @ $3.25	$143.00
17	Sporting Licenses @ $5.25	89.25
9	Minor Fishing @ $1.25	11.25
8	Female Fishing @ $2.25	18.00
1	Trapping License @ $7.75	7.75
1	Special Non-Resident Fishing @ $2.75	2.75
1	Non-Resident Fishing @ $7.75	7.75
1	Duplicate @ $.50	.50
		$420.00
	Fees @ $0.25	$ 31.00
	Paid Fisheries and Game Dept.	$389.00

Issued 6 Free Resident Citizen Sporting Licenses

4 Free Resident Military or Naval Sporting Licenses

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.

2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.

4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was $163,534.63
Other expenses for the year were:

Veterans' Services	$100.00
State Parks and Reservations	267.09
State Audit	657.69
County Tax	3,846.30
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,152.86
Contributory Retirement Assessment	1,791.31
Overlay for 1954	4,409.97
	$175,759.85
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	82,456.60
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	$93,303.25
The Poll Tax—335 yielded	670.00

In order to collect the balance of $92,633.25, called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$ 238,350.00
Real Estate—building and land	1,614,315.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,852,665.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $50.00, which made a tax on personal property of $11,917.50 and on real estate $80,715.75.

The Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax on 755 vehicles valued at $363,410.00 at the state-wide rate of $51.86 yielded $15,002.10.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1951

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,317.77	
Interest collected	145.28	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$ 1,281.56
Personal Property		34.21
Interest		145.28
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955		2.00
	$ 1,463.05	$ 1,463.05

TAXES—1952

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1954	$ 3,105.77	
Interest collected	91.06	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 2.00
Real Estate		1,512.17
Personal Property		348.50
Classified Forest Land		7.20
Interest		91.06
Abatements.		
Real Estate		52.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		79.60
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955		1,104.30
	$ 3,196.83	$ 3,196.83

TAXES—1953

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1954	$ 10,068.08	
Interest collected	151.33	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	46.64	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	2,102.63	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 10.00

Real Estate		5,207.72
Personal Property		919.27
Classified Forest Land		21.36
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,997.51
Interest		151.33
Abatements:		
Motor Vehicle Excise		160.08
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955		2,901.41
	$ 12,368.68	$ 12,368.68

TAXES—1954

Real Estate Commitment	$ 81,105.75	
Personal Property Commitment	11,917.50	
Poll Tax Commitment	670.00	
Classified Forest Land Commitment	186.75	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	15,013.61	
Real Estate Refund	35.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	213.84	
Interest Collected	16.96	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 584.00
Real Estate		70,833.25
Personal Property		10,579.00
Classified Forest Land		119.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		11,458.89
Interest		16.96
Abatements:		
Poll		56.00
Real Estate		2,065.50
Motor Vehicle Excise		703.90
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955		12,742.91
	$109,159.41	$109,159.41

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$ 78,834.70
Personal Property	11,860.98
Poll	596.00
Classified Forest Land	147.56
Motor Vehicle Excise	14,456.40
Interest	404.63
Paid to Treasurer	$106,300.27

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,
Tax Collector

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES
WINTHROP P. HAYNES, President
MILTON E. LORD, Vice President
FRANKLIN S. ROBERTS, Treasurer
ESTHER K. PERLEY, Secretary
CHARLES L. ATKINS MARGARET LANE
SETH L. KELSEY ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Librarians: Bertha Perley and Lucy K. Parkhurst

Library hours — Thursday and Saturday afternoons, 2:30 to 5:30.

The total circulation of books, 3265. Adult, 1828. Juvenile, 1437. Total book stock, 11,222. Several collections of books were presented to the library during the year, and 202 books were added by purchase. In addition to these books, Mrs. Edward J. Holmes asked the Book Committee to choose from her library books which would be useful in the Boxford Library. 89 books were selected, some of which will be used to replace worn copies now in the library.

In purchasing books, an effort has been made to keep fiction, non-fiction and juveniles well balanced. The children's book collection includes many of the best titles published in 1954. A deposit of books on the State Certificate Reading List has been lent to the school to encourage Certificate reading. Much enthusiasm has been shown.

An interesting exhibit in the library, at present, is a tiny one-horse shay drawn by a red squirrel and driven by a white mouse. This shay was presented to Oliver Wendell Holmes, soon after the publication of "The Deacon's Masterpiece". It has now been given to the library by Mrs. E. J. Holmes, whose husband was a grandson of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Three collections of books have been lent to the library by the Merrimac Valley Library Association. These books have made available a good supply of non-fiction reading. The interest of good friends of the library is appreciated. It is the desire of the library trustees to improve and supplement the library service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY,
Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
West Boxford

OFFICERS

DR. WALTER R. INGALLS, President Emeritus
MRS. ALEXANDER PRICE, President
DR. LAURENCE FRIZZELL, Vice President
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TRUSTEES

Mr. Simeon S. Pearl
Capt. Richard Chadwick
Mr. E. Laurence Colby

In 1954 the library was open to the public every Wednesday and Saturday, 2-5 and 7-9. It was well patronized during the year. The circulation of books totaled 3,304.

Books added to the collection numbered 241; of these 195 were purchased and 46 were presented.

The Merrimac Valley Library Aid Association lent to our library three collections of non-fiction books during the year. These books have proved to be most helpful to our readers. Magazines continue to be popular; the library subscribes to thirteen and many more are donated.

Outstanding in the progress of the year was the installation of a new heating system, payment of which was made by contributions from members of our community.

The establishment, by gifts, of two new funds, the interest of which will be used for purchase of non-fiction books, was another forward step worthy of note.

The Library Thrift Shop provided funds for the purchase of books, magazines and library supplies at a cost of $358.61.

The Library Association wishes to thank all those who have assisted in any way in promoting the work of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS.
Librarian

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

The sum of $200 was appropriated for 1954. $199.50 was used for clearing up hurricane damage. All the wood roads were cleared of trees, sprout growth cut, and in one low spot four loads of gravel hauled so now, in case of fire, roads are open.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS
WINTHROP P. HAYNES
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 11, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the activities of the Boxford Police department for the year 1954.

Classified Activities	*No. of Cases*
Complaints (various)	79
Stolen cars recovered	10
Court appearances	13
Summonses served	12
Arrests	8
House Breaks	8
Malicious Damage	4
Camp Breaks	3
Automobile accidents	23
Registry requests	29

The town roads and intersections were inspected and studied with an engineer from the State Department of Public Works. After having complied with the necessary regulations there will be four intersections posted with legal "STOP" signs. Also there will be numerous other traffic control signs. This we hope will be beneficial to all concerned.

There were several cases of rubbish disposal on a public way investigated during the year. As a result we had several hundred yards of our roadside cleared of all rubbish by the offenders.

The town completed the year 1954 without a fatal accident involving a motor vehicle. There was, however, a marked increase in motor vehicle accidents involving property damage only.

During the hurricane emergency there was a 24-hour patrol on duty all during the loss of electric power.

There were several house breaks which occurred during the year, several of which have been solved.

A regular schedule of inspection was maintained for all the camps and unoccupied summer homes during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, Jr.,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954, I submit the following report:

Number of bovine animals	192
Number of horses	5
Number of sheep	16
Number of swine	2

Inspection of animals and premises where kept has been done in accordance with the direction of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

It has been a very bad year as far as tree damage is concerned. It will take years to grow the trees we have lost.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

The work was very successful with the aeroplane spraying over the wooded areas, along with the spraying of the roadsides by use of truck.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE WORK

All of the trees with Dutch Elm Disease that were marked by the state have been taken care of, along with many others that the hurricanes blew down.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

All money collected by me for dog licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

At this time there are very few licenses uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

There were eleven brush and grass fires and nine calls for fire at the Town dump.

Please obey the Law and call the Fire Dept. for Permits for all Outdoor Fires.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

FIRES

1 House Fire

1 Camp Fire
9 Chimney Fires

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Cases of communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health in 1954 are as follows:

Chicken pox—4 Dog bite—3 Measles—4 Mumps—24

We respectfully request your cooperation in reporting any known cases of communicable diseases to the Board of Health, as we feel sure there are many cases each year which are never reported.

Licenses were granted as follows:

Recreational camps	5
Slaughter	2
Manufacture of ice cream	2
Lord's Day	1
Milk dealers	7
Oleo	1

In April, 1954, the Civil Defense Department blood typed practically every resident 12 years of age or over in town.

Up to the time of the hurricanes the conditions at the Town Dump were reasonably good, but since that time the tremendous accumulation of debris, together with the normal use, has made it impossible to keep a cleared area at all times. We hope to have these conditions remedied by early summer.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The expense of General Relief, the only branch of Public Welfare administered entirely by the town, was somewhat higher than in 1953. The other categories of aid and relief are administered through the Central Essex Welfare District office in Middleton. This district includes Middleton. Topsfield and Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF WIRE INSPECTOR

For the year 1954, I submit the following report:

Permits 72
Inspections 123
Expenses:

Salary	$175.00
Telephone and Office	25.00
Total	$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

22	New dwellings and garages	total value	$276,000.00
8	Additions to businesses	total value	26,200.00
2	Garages	total value	900.00
	Total value of all buildings		$303,100.00

There were several special permits issued as to signs and gravel removal.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	6
Beam scales	1
Computing scales	3
Spring scales	9
Gasoline meters	4
Kerosene pumps	1
Grease pumps	2

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED		
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
January	49	202	15	3	3	
February	35	220	6		2	
March	33	327	4		3	1
April	40	198	14		2	
May	37	160	11	2	7	
June	35	230	7		3	
July	25	143	7		5	
August	37	223	12		8	
September	36	244	22	2	3	
October	27	179	21	1		
November	46	260	24	1	10	
December	55	300	19		9	
Total	455	2,686	162	5	55	1

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. FOSTER
CURTIS A. KIMBALL
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following cases were assisted in 1954:

Discharge (photostat)	42
Discharge (certified copy)	12
Discharge (recorded)	6
Bonus	58
Forms notarized	12
Taxes	15
Power of Attorney	22
Compensation	6
Pension	11
Annual Income Report	27
Education, Training	2
Loan Guaranty	6
Hospitalization	8
Insurance	15
Insurance (dividend)	2
Medical-Dental	8

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

During the past year the Medical and Health Division conducted a Blood Typing Program. The majority of people within the town participated in this program. The results of the Blood Typing are on file with this office, and are available for use in any emergency.

With the advent of the hurricanes, the Mobile Civil Defense truck with portable generator and floodlights was used extensively. The portable generator was used to provide power for water pumps when requested.

Numerous meetings were attended throughout the State to acquaint the Directors with the new plan for evacuation.

The cooperation of the officials of the Town is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

With the enactment of the new zoning by-laws in 1954 the Planning Board has made a continued study of subdivision requirements. Rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land for the purpose of protecting the safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of Boxford were adopted on November 8, 1954. Adequate protection for the orderly growth of the town is extremely important.

The Board is continuing a study to strengthen the building code.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
E. LAURENCE COLBY
ALBERT C. WATERS, Jr.
ALBERT G. GALE
CHARLES P. A. NELSON
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Active Old Age Assistance Cases	16
Active Aid to Dependent Children Cases	1
Active Disability Assistance Cases	1

There has been a slight increase in the case load of Old Age Assistance which is contrary to the statewide trend. The medical costs are the largest expenditure due to the advancing age of the recipients and the larger amount of medical care required for their comfort.

In order that the town may have a picture of the medical costs we have made the following breakdown:

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Average medical cost per month total $573.56
or $35.85 per case

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Average medical cost per month total $130.34

or $65.17 per case

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Average medical cost per month total $16.74

or $16.74 per case

The high cost per case in OAA and DA can be directly attributed to the need for nursing home care, hospital costs, and chronic hospital care. These costs are sure to continue if not increased in the year to come.

The Medical Care Plan has been in operation since July 1, 1954 and there has been conformity in fee schedules throughout the Commonwealth, but it has not resulted in lowering the costs of the necessary medical care for all of the recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,

Welfare Agent

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The state contributes the sum of $15,400.00 under Chapter 81, maintenance of highways, and to make this available the town must raise $2,800.000 which makes a total of $18,200.00 for use on the various highways of the town. A portion of this sum was spent to resurface secondary roads with oil. We were able also to oil, for the first time, substantial sections of Main St., Valley and Mill Roads. A considerable amount was spent for gravel surface on roads which we hope to oil in the future. This, together with the usual upkeep, accounts for the entire Chapter 81 appropriation. Chapter 90, maintenance money, of which the state contributes $500.00 and the town $1,000.00 making a total of $1,500.00 was spent in resurfacing portions of several main highways.

The Chapter 90 construction money which was contributed, $5,000.00 by the state and $2,500.00 each by the county and town, was used on Middleton Road and Depot Road.

All of this money was spent under the supervision of the state highway engineers.

The $1,000.00 appropriation to continue the improvement of Main Street was sufficient to complete the job and this street is now black-topped for its entire length.

A section of Elm Street in front of the Library was widened and oiled to facilitate parking and likewise an area on Georgetown Road in front of the First Church was similarly treated.

In July tentative arrangements were made with the Traffic Division of the Dept. of Public Works to revise and to add to the present town traffic regulations. The appearance on the scene of two hurricanes, together with the fact that the appropriation was low made it necessary to postpone the purchase and installation of the various signs required. We hope to have this work carried out early in 1955.

Under the special appropriation for the Fire Department Improvement in West Boxford, the present building was remodelled to accommodate two pieces of apparatus, a tank truck was purchased and also a considerable amount of other equipment.

During the year the two granges have made many desirable improvements to the interior of both the Town Hall and Lincoln Hall, at a very nominal expense to the town, for which we wish to express our appreciation.

Four new folding voting booths were purchased to replace those at Lincoln Hall.

A new chimney was built at the Town Hall after the hurricane.

We wish to extend our thanks to the various departments of the town for the cooperation given during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1954

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$70,833.25	
Personal Property	10,579.00	
Poll	584.00	
Classified Forest Land	119.00	
		$ 82,115.25
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 8,001.45	
Personal Property	1,281.98	
Poll	12.00	

Classified Forest Land	28.56	
		9,323.99
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1953	$ 2,997.51	
Levy of 1954	11,458.89	
		14,456.40
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$11,278.75	
Chap. 90 Construction	2,851.45	
		14,130.20
For Education:		
School Supt.	$ 1,276.00	
Chap. 70, School Aid	6,773.34	
Tuition, State Children	610.98	
School Contract	2,878.39	
Vocational Education	22.35	
		11,561.06
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$ 2,983.00	
Corporation Taxes	4,560.00	
Loss of Taxes	1,280.94	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	383.85	
Snow Removal	10.00	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Hurricane Relief	4,088.26	
School Lunch Program	306.10	
		13,637.15
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 8,716.72	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	5,746.13	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,213.70	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	1,347.00	
Disability Assistance	724.15	
Disability Assist., U. S. Grant	725.80	
Veterans' Benefits	10.00	
		18,483.50

County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$ 525.73	
Dog License refund	316.29	
		842.02
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Rehabilitation Fund	$ 5,000.00	
J. T. Barker School Fund	650.00	
Interest on School Funds	120.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	95.64	
West Parish	83.05	
Killam-Curtis Cemetery Fund	10.00	
		5,958.69
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 316.70	
Highway	123.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	20.25	
Public Welfare	82.70	
Appeal Board	91.00	
		633.65
Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$ 403.40	
Slaughter	800.00	
Building	233.00	
Junk	17.00	
Revolver	12.00	
Ice Cream	10.00	
Milk	2.50	
Oleo	.50	
Peddler	6.00	
Auctioneers	2.00	
Recreational Camp	2.50	
Lord's Day	.50	
		1,489.40
Unclassified:		
Sale of Common Land	$ 1.00	
Interest on Taxes	404.63	
School Lunch Program	831.40	

Withholding Tax Deductions	4,216.19	
Rent of Town Halls	284.00	
Rent of Morse House	161.00	
Sale of Door and Chairs	104.00	
Waste paper	2.81	
Departmental refunds	305.23	
Use of telephones	114.70	
Town of Bourne	4,036.45	
P. T. A.	331.86	
Damage Claim	15.40	
		10,808.67
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$183,439.98

EXPENDITURES FOR 1954

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,006.68	
Board of Public Welfare	222.54	
Assessors	1,370.29	
Treasurer	412.36	
Town Clerk	336.59	
Accountant	769.18	
Tax Collector	1,502.03	
Registrars	105.00	
Elections	357.00	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	108.20	
Building Inspector	446.27	
Wire Inspector	200.00	
Finance Committee	150.00	
School House Committee	4,193.62	
Board of Health	238.91	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,153.75	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$ 13,122.42

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 29.43	
Dog Officer	56.50	
Police	2,037.40	
Forest Warden	1,664.41	
Fire Warden	1,265.18	
Tree Warden	796.53	
Moth Suppression	1,019.65	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	462.25	
Fire Department Improvement	4,465.51	
		11,796.59

AID AND RELIEF

Central Essex Welfare Dist., Adm.	$ 198.00	
Public Welfare	1,173.98	
Disability Assistance	906.29	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	680.95	
Old Age Assistance	5,635.43	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	12,571.49	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,993.67	
Aid to Dependent Child., U. S. Grant	1,457.52	
Veterans' Benefits	847.94	
		25,465.27

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$57,457.20	
J. T. Barker Fund	500.00	
Vocational Education	205.14	
School Lunch Program	879.37	
East Parish Library	503.78	
West Parish Library	491.20	
West Parish Library Heating Plant	200.00	
School Stage Curtain	331.86	
Morse School Fence	724.04	
		61,292.59

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$17,988.70	
Chap. 90 Bare Hill Road	16.66	
Chap. 90 Const., Middleton Road	1,991.00	
Chap. 90 Const., Depot Road	6,213.34	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,491.50	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	758.88	
Main Street	993.00	
Snow Removal and Sanding	5,861.50	
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,024.47	
Street Lighting	626.82	
		36,965.87

UNCLASSIFIED

Town of Bourne	$ 4,036.45
Hurricane "Carol"	7,843.33
Hurricane "Edna"	655.00
Town Halls	1,638.15
Public Grounds	126.29
Insurance	2,441.52
Town Forest	199.50
Memorial Day	208.50
Soldiers' Graves	200.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	100.00
Clerical	225.09
Withholding Tax Deductions	4,822.49
Town Reports	465.00
Civil Defense	480.69
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	450.49
Essex Sanitorium	1,152.86
Veterans' Service District	100.00
State Parks & Reservations	217.62
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	657.69
County Tax	3,815.69
County Retirement System	1,791.31

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	260.48	
Dog Licenses to County	437.20	
Real Estate Tax Refund	35.00	
New School	42,762.65	
Lease from Boy Scouts	52.00	
Killam & Curtis Cemetery	10.00	
Interest and Principal On Maturing Debt	10,162.50	
		85,447.50
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$234,090.24

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1954

Assets

Cash: General		$118,402.04
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1951:		
Poll	$ 2.00	
		2.00
Levy of 1952:		
Real Estate	1,049.59	
Personal Property	54.71	
		1,104.30
Levy of 1953:		
Poll	10.00	
Real Estate	2,413.20	
Personal Property	370.29	
		2,793.49
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1953	96.40	
Levy of 1954	3,064.66	
		3,161.06
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1953	11.52	
Levy of 1954	67.75	
		79.27

Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	373.79	
Disability Assistance	.40	
Veterans' Services	77.20	
		451.39
Tax Titles		60.59
State & County Aid to Highways:		22,400.00
Underestimates:		
State Parks & Reservations		.76
Hurricanes		4,430.55
		$162,495.95

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$123,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	$ 51,661.92

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1954

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Titles	$ 60.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,161.06	
Departmental Revenue	451.39	
Special Assessment Revenue	79.27	
State & County Aid to Highways Revenue	22,400.00	
		$ 26,152.31

Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1951	$ 2.00	
Levy of 1952	1,104.30	
Levy of 1953	2,919.16	
Levy of 1954	2,290.47	
		6,315.93
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		7,416.94
Excess and Deficiency		84,557.49
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	602.00	
Old Age Assistance, Administration	672.71	
Aid to Dependent Children	576.49	
Aid to Dep. Child., Administration	89.01	
Disability Assistance	198.57	
		2,138.78
Appropriation Accounts:		
School House Committee	1,177.63	
Chap. 90 Const., Depot Road	1,782.66	
Census, 1955	100.00	
Goodwin Plans	100.00	
Civil Defense	36.31	
Town Hall	1,312.87	
J. T. Barker Fund		1,052.13
School Lunch Program		397.44
Road Machinery Fund		990.16
Overestimates:		
County Tax		30.61
Dog Licenses		3.60
New School		28,931.09
DEBT ACCOUNTS		$162,495.95
New School Loan		$123,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$32,496.50
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	3,839.92

East Parish Library	3,500.00	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,364.39	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,234.00	
Curtis & Killam Burial Lot Fund	263.31	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	963.80	
		$ 51,661.92

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1954

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,200.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$ 975.00	
Office Supplies	12.68	
State and County, Assoc., dues	19.00	
Total Expenditures	$1,006.68	
Balance to revenue	193.32	
	$1,200.00	$1,200.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$ 220.00	
Office Supplies	2.54	
Total Expenditures	$ 222.54	
Balance to revenue	77.46	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	$1,075.00	
Clerical	185.00	

State and County Assoc. dues	9.00	
Abstracts	52.23	
Office Supplies	49.06	
Total Expenditures	$1,370.29	
Balance to revenue	229.71	
	$1,600.00	$1,600.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 475.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 300.00	
Bond	65.50	
State Assoc., dues	4.00	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.40	
Office Supplies	38.46	
Total Expenditures	$ 412.36	
Balance to revenue	62.64	
	$ 475.00	$ 475.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 284.50	
Bond	5.00	
Printing	27.25	
Office expense	12.34	
State Assoc., dues	7.50	
Total expenditure	$ 336.59	
Balance to revenue	63.41	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Tax Collector

Balance from 1953		$ 7.50

Appropriation		1,600.00
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,200.00	
Bonds	139.00	
Office expense	163.03	
Total expenditures	$1,502.03	
Balance to revenue	105.47	
	$1,607.50	$1,607.50

Accountant

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Salary, Accountant	$ 700.00	
Office supplies	69.18	
Total expenditures	$ 769.18	
Balance to revenue	1,230.82	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Salaries	$ 140.00	
State Assoc., dues	10.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$ 140.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 105.00	
Total expenditures	$ 105.00	

Balance to revenue	35.00	
	$ 140.00	$ 140.00

Elections

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Transfer from Reserve		157.00
Services, Election Officers	$ 320.00	
Printing and supplies	37.00	
	$ 357.00	$ 357.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Transfer from Reserve		8.20
Advertising	$ 102.20	
Office supplies	6.00	
	$ 108.20	$ 108.20

Planning Board

Appropriation		$ 25.00
Balance to revenue	$ 25.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Transfer from Reserve		246.27
Services, Building Inspector	$ 412.50	
Office expenses	33.77	
Total expenses	$ 446.27	$ 446.27

Wire Inspector

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$ 175.00	
Office expense	25.00	
Total expenses	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

School House Committee

Balance from 1954		$ 371.25
Appropriation from Rehabilitation Fund		5,000.00
Furnishings	$3,070.74	
Drive	618.21	
Fuel	504.67	
Total expenditures	$4,193.62	
Balance to 1955	1,177.63	
	$5,371.25	$5,371.25

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$1,200.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$ 120.00	
Office supplies	25.66	
Maintenance of Dump	80.40	
Rubbish collection	12.85	
Total expenditures	$ 238.91	
Balance to revenue	961.09	
	$1,200.00	$1,200.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		153.75
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$1,153.75	
	$1,153.75	$1,153.75

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Balance from 1953		$ 113.65
Appropriation		1,700.00
Transfer from Reserve		223.75
Labor	$ 862.39	
Use of cars	400.90	
Uniforms	450.35	
Telephone	119.78	
Equipment	92.54	
Office supplies	83.44	
Repairs	13.00	
Diver service	15.00	
Total expenditures	$2,037.40	$2,037.40

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$ 60.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 50.00	
Board and disposal of stray dog	6.50	
Total expenditures	$ 56.50	
Balance to revenue	3.50	
	$ 60.00	$ 60.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 35.00
Salary, Sealer	$ 25.00	
Office supplies	7.87	
Total expenditures	$ 32.87	
Balance to revenue	2.13	
	$ 35.00	$ 35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		231.13
Labor	$ 180.25	
Janitor Service	150.00	
Equipment and repairs	151.29	
Telephone	500.80	
Supplies	36.47	
Fuel	202.82	
Assoc. dues and subscription	9.50	
	$1,231.13	$1,231.13

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		160.64
Salary, Forest Warden	$ 200.00	
Janitor service	150.00	
Labor	341.50	
Telephones	274.32	
Equipment	667.65	
Repairs	7.67	
Fuel	19.50	
	$1,660.64	$1,660.64

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		200.00
Labor	$ 452.00	
Trucks	37.50	
Tractor	76.50	
Power Saw	135.00	
Tools	38.73	
Bracing oak tree	51.80	

Association dues	5.00	
Total expenditures	$ 796.53	
Balance to revenue	3.47	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$1,026.89
Labor	$ 451.10	
Trucks	162.50	
State Tax	263.45	
Insurance	25.00	
Power Saw	17.50	
Repairs	67.57	
Supplies	32.53	
Total expenditures	$1,019.65	
Balance to revenue	7.24	
	$1,026.89	$1,026.89

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		$ 463.45
Labor	$ 260.75	
Trucks	91.50	
Power Saw	61.00	
Tractor	49.00	
Total expenditures	$ 462.25	
Balance to revenue	1.20	
	$ 463.45	$ 463.45

Fire Department Improvements

Appropriation		$4,400.00
Building	$1,321.20	
Hose	1,364.05	

Truck	1,233.23	
Equipment	457.03	
Use of Town Tools	2.00	
Total expenditures	$4,377.51	
Balance to revenue	22.49	
	$4,400.00	$4,400.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		500.00
Fuel	$ 156.77	
Groceries	9.00	
Services of Nurse	70.50	
Hospitalization	844.83	
Other cities and towns	92.88	
Total expenditures	$1,173.98	
Balance to revenue	326.02	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$6,000.00
Cash	$5,570.17	
Other cities and towns	65.26	
Total expenditures	$5,635.43	
Balance to revenue	364.57	
	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1953	$7,427.36
Federal Grants	5,746.13

Cash	$12,034.92	
Other cities and towns	536.57	
Total expenditures	$12,571.49	
Balance to 1955	602.00	
	$13,173.49	$13,173.49

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Cash	$1,993.67	
Balance to revenue	6.33	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1953		$ 687.01
Federal Grants		1,347.00
Cash	$1,457.52	
Balance to 1955	576.49	
	$2,034.01	$2,034.01

Old Age Assistance Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1953		$ 672.71
Balance to 1955	$ 672.71	
	$ 672.71	$ 672.71

Aid to Dependent Children Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1953		$ 89.01
Balance to 1955	$ 89.01	
	$ 89.01	$ 89.01

Disability Assistance

Appropriation	$1,000.00

Cash	$ 906.29	
Balance to revenue	93.71	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1953		$ 153.72
Federal Grants		725.80
Cash	$ 680.95	
Balance to 1955	198.57	
	$ 879.52	$ 879.52

Central Essex Welfare District

Appropriation		$ 198.00
Central Essex Welfare District	$ 198.00	
	$ 198.00	$ 198.00

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$ 274.24	
Hospitalization	573.70	
Total expenditures	$ 847.94	
Balance to revenue	152.06	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Labor	$ 285.50	
Trucks	130.50	
Gravel	257.29	

Tools	85.59	
Use of Town Tools	15.00	
Total expenditures	$ 773.88	
Balance to revenue	26.12	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$ 221.50	
Trucks	85.50	
Roller	40.80	
Sand	131.09	
Stone	82.99	
Oil	929.62	
Use of Town Tools	8.50	
Total Expenditures	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Middleton Road

Appropriation		$ 500.00
State allotment		1,000.00
County allotment		500.00
Labor	$ 624.00	
Trucks	227.50	
Shovel	345.60	
Bulldozer	188.50	
Grader	135.00	
Roller	81.60	
Blasting	173.75	
Oil	154.59	
Sand	39.46	
Saw	21.00	
Use of town tools	9.00	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Bare Hill Road

Balance from 1953		$ 16.66
Labor	$ 16.66	
	$ 16.66	$ 16.66

Chapter 90—Construction, Depot Road

Appropriation		$2,000.00
State allotment		4,000.00
County allotment		2,000.00
Labor	$1,933.00	
Trucks	863.00	
Shovel	681.60	
Bulldozer	649.00	
Grader	217.50	
Roller	102.00	
Gravel	913.60	
Oil	584.76	
Sand	178.88	
Saw	65.00	
Moving trees	25.00	
Use of town tools	4.00	
Total expenditures	$6,217.34	
Balance to 1955	1,782.66	
	$8,000.00	$8,000.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,850.00
State allotment		15,400.00
Labor	$8,395.00	
Trucks	2,517.00	
Shovel	309.60	
Grader	82.50	
Bulldozer	55.00	
Roller	20.40	

Oil	3,786.76	
Sand and gravel	2,291.49	
Pipe	344.02	
Lumber	73.99	
Tools	48.19	
Signs	64.75	
Use of town tools	261.30	
Total expenditures	$18,250.00	$18,250.00

Main Street

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$ 448.00	
Trucks	210.00	
Gravel	332.20	
Posts	2.80	
Use of town tools	7.00	
Total expenditures	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$6,000.00
Labor	$ 515.50	
Trucks	2,379.25	
Trucks and plows	1,250.50	
Use of town tools	136.00	
Repairs	220.41	
Sand and salt	973.84	
Equipment	522.00	
Total expenditures	$5,997.50	
Balance to revenue	2.50	
	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Road Machinery Maintenance

Balance from 1953	$ 70.12
Appropriation	500.00

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		500.00
Labor and Trucks	$ 253.25	
Gasoline and oil	160.59	
Repairs	261.64	
Lights	19.44	
Tools	314.55	
Storage	15.00	
Total expenditures	$1,024.47	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	45.65	
	$1,070.12	$1,070.12

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Street Lights	$ 626.82	
Balance to revenue	23.18	
	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$57,261.00
Refunds		272.56
School Teachers	$21,637.28	
Substitutes	249.33	
Supervisors	1,326.68	
Superintendence:		
Salary	1,039.49	
Clerk	338.28	
Expense	185.59	
Health:		
Nurse	350.00	
Physicians	250.00	
Supplies	6.69	
Tuition	12,410.36	
Transportation	9,107.28	

Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,441.60	
Committee expense	37.50	
Supervisors expense	300.13	
Books	1,240.08	
Supplies	1,725.50	
Fuel	2,090.20	
Light	1,011.62	
Telephones	212.43	
Repairs	1,186.22	
Insurance	1,279.44	
Grounds	31.50	
Misc. expense	37.50	
Total expenditures	$57,494.70	
Balance to revenue	38.86	
	$57,533.56	$57,533.56

School Stage Curtain

P. T. A. Gift		$ 331.86
Part of curtain cost	$ 331.86	
	$ 331.86	$ 331.86

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1953		$ 902.13
Interest received from Trustees		650.00
Tuition, Andover	$ 500.00	
Balance to 1955	1,052.13	
	$1,552.13	$1,552.13

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Tuition	$ 124.44	

Transportation	80.70	
Total expenditures	$ 205.14	
Balance to revenue	194.86	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1953		$ 139.31
State Grants		306.10
Cash		831.40
Milk	$ 879.37	
Balance to 1955	397.44	
	$1,276.81	$1,276.81

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Half dog license refund from County		158.14
Interest from Library Funds		95.64
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 503.78	
	$ 503.78	$ 503.78

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Half dog license from County		158.15
Interest from Library Funds		83.05
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 491.20	
	$ 491.20	$ 491.20

West Boxford Library Heating Plant

Appropriation		$ 200.00
West Boxford Library Assoc.	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Balance from 1953		$ 908.40
Appropriation		2,000.00
Janitors	$ 273.50	
Fuel	309.01	
Light	147.36	
Telephone	215.22	
Repairs	637.95	
Supplies	12.49	
Total expenditures	$1,595.53	
Balance to 1955	1,312.87	
	$2,908.40	$2,908.40

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Care of Public Grounds	$ 123.50	
Tools	2.79	
Total expenditures	$ 126.29	
Balance to revenue	123.71	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Labor	$ 140.00	
Saw	47.50	
Truck	6.00	
Sand	6.00	
Total expenditures	$ 199.50	
Balance to revenue	.50	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$ 250.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$ 100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$ 200.00	
Balance to revenue	50.00	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Killam-Curtis Cemetery

Income from Cemetery Fund		$ 10.00
Maintenance	$ 10.00	
	$ 10.00	$ 10.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Maintenance	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 250.00

Band	$ 150.00	
Flags	20.40	
Refreshments	22.80	
Flowers, etc.	15.30	
Total expenditures	$ 208.50	
Balance to revenue	41.50	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$ 450.00
Clerical	$ 225.09	
Balance to revenue	224.91	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Morse House

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Balance to revenue	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Town reports	$ 465.00	
Balance to revenue	35.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Civil Defense

Appropriation		$ 432.00
Transfer from Reserve		85.00
Fire	$ 412.47	
Communications	40.54	

Blood typing	27.68	
Total expenditures	$ 480.69	
Balance to 1955	36.31	
	$ 517.00	$ 517.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Chap. 90 petition expense	$ 26.33	
Civil Defense Directors expense	17.15	
Election booths	59.00	
Community House, heat and light	58.32	
Insurance	289.69	
Total expenditures	$ 450.49	
Balance to revenue	49.51	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Interest and Amortization of School Loan

Appropriation		$10,400.00
Interest	$ 3,162.50	
Payment on Principal	7,000.00	
Total expenditures	$10,162.50	
Balance to revenue	237.50	
	$10,400.00	$10,400.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$2,000.00
Total transfers	$1,989.78	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	10.22	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$2,500.00
Insurance Policies	$2,441.52	
Balance to revenue	58.48	
	$2,500.00	$2,500.00

I wish to thank the townspeople for their expression of sympathy at the last annual town meeting and also the various departments of the state, county and town for their cooperation and help in this period of convalescence.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1954 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1954		$169,052.30
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$106,300.27	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	14,130.20	
Education	11,561.06	
Taxes	13,296.05	
Old Age Assist., grants	14,462.85	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants	2,560.70	
Disability Assist., grants	1,449.95	
Veterans' Benefits	10.00	
Animals Inspection	25.00	
Town of Bourne	4,036.45	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 & 133	10.00	
School Lunch Program	306.10	
County of Essex:		
Highways	525.73	
Dog License refund	316.29	
Trust Funds, income	5,958.69	
Departmental receipts	633.65	
Licenses and permits	1,489.40	
Income from town property	552.81	
Withholding Tax account	4,216.19	
Departmental refunds	305.23	
School Lunch Program	831.40	
School Stage Curtain	331.86	
Damage claim	15.40	
Telephone refunds	114.70	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$183,439.98

Disbursements:

Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen	$234,090.24
Balance December 31, 1954	$118,402.04

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00.

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$ 6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2⅞'s. 60/65	7,150.00
	$13,650.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 6,191.26
Interest for the year 1954	187.13
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 6,378.39

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit, Jan. 1, 1954	$ 116.82
Interest for the year 1954	3.07
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 119.89
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$11,628.25
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.07
Savings Bank Interest for 1954	351.90
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$12,348.22

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds was deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,489.21
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	101.78
Savings Bank interest for 1954	45.66
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,636.65

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 2,138.65
Interest for the year 1954	64.62
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,203.27

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 2,176.51
Interest for the year 1954	57.49
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,234.00

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 265.44
Interest for the year 1954	7.87
	$ 273.31
Withdrawn	10.00
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 263.31

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 2,000.00
Interest for the year 1954	50.31
	$ 2,050.31

Withdrawn	50.31
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,000.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898.

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1954	45.33
	$ 1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1954	37.72
	$ 1,537.72
Withdrawn	37.72
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,500.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1954	45.33
	$ 1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,324.37
Interest for the year 1954	40.02
Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,364.39

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1954	$ 935.53
Interest for the year 1954	28.27
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 963.80

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1954

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	$ 1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 30.00
Danvers Savings Bank	60.00
Salem Savings Bank	30.00
Total	$ 120.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST

HARRY E. TRASK

Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

John S. Haywood, Chairman	Term Expires 1955
Archibald L. Trull	Term Expires 1956
Laurence Frizzell, Secretary	Term Expires 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson, Ed. M.

Jackson Way, Georgetown

Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

A. L. Bennett, M. D.

Topsfield

Telephone Tucker 7-2261

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R. N.

Topsfield

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

Archer French
Boxford

Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade or Subjects*
John B. Branch	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Gladys MacPherson	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Phyllis Piper	Harry Lee Cole	6
Lelia Millay	Harry Lee Cole	1, 2
Sylvia Adams	Aaron Wood	4
Ruth Morin	Aaron Wood	5
Dorothy Carver	Gardner Morse	1, 2
Bernice Billewicz	Gardner Morse	3

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During January we were able to move into the new Harry Lee Cole School and thus at last consolidate most of our elementary educational system. This move enabled us to vacate the temporary classrooms in the Community House and the Gardner Morse School basement. In the interests of economy, we temporarily closed down the Aaron Wood School until September when increased enrollment demanded its reopening. With the use of the four new classrooms, the two in the Gardner Morse and the two in the Aaron Wood, we have been able to establish the much needed one-grade-per-room basis with the exception of the 1st and 2nd grades at either end of town.

The new school facilities have enabled us to expand the school day and to include such activities as Sewing, Physical Education and competitive sports as well as provide for better programs in Music and Dramatics.

In June we held our first graduation exercises in the new all-purpose room. Combined with graduation was our yearly operetta and the dedication of the new school. We can all look forward to many more exercises like this in the spacious all-purpose room.

The townspeople, as well, have enjoyed making use of the school's facilities in such activities as P.T.A. meetings, Guild activities, Boy Scout and Girl Scout meetings, Selectmen's meetings, Men's Athletic Club activities, etc.

We have augmented our staff with three new teachers: Mr. John Branch replacing Mr. Chester Parker as acting principal and departmental teacher, Mrs. Sylvia Adams as 4th Grade teacher and Mrs. Phyllis Piper as departmental 6th, 7th and 8th Grade teacher.

The Sewing and Physical Education program has expanded well under Mrs. Piper's and Mr. Branch's leadership and has helped our students scholastically as well as physically.

Any changeover from a small separated school system to a larger consolidated system has rough sledding at first, but we feel that we now have an excellent cooperative staff working together for the best interests of our students. We can continue to feel that our pupils will go into the High School grades and maintain high standards as they have in the past.

It is our hope that early in 1955 we can install a hot lunch program and make use of the kitchen facilities provided for in the new school.

Our school buildings have been kept in good repair and maintenance work done when needed. As was expected, we replaced the old water-storage tank in the Aaron Wood School with a new one.

In the Spring of 1955 we hope to work together with the P.T.A. in beautifying the grounds around the schools.

With the additional four new rooms, the potential two more in the undeveloped area, the two in the Gardner Morse and Aaron Wood schools, we should be able to handle the elementary enrollment growth in Boxford for at least the next five years.

With external tuitioning costs mounting each year for Boxford and the fact that surrounding towns now are or will be faced with a high school housing problem, we feel Boxford's next school problem will be in the high school area. This problem we may have to face in the next 2-3 years. We are currently trying to keep in touch with our neighboring towns in regard to their activities and feelings on a Regional High School District.

You will note that the proposed budget for 1955 is 22% higher than that of a year ago. This is due mainly to the following factors:

1. Substantially increased tuition costs in Andover, North Andover and Topsfield;
2. Increased pupil enrollment;
3. Increased faculty in our own system due to increased enrollment.

Despite our efforts to keep the school budget as low as possible, we all must continue to face the fact that our town is growing and with it the school enrollment resulting in an overall increased educational cost.

We would like at this time to express our thanks to the various individuals and town groups for their fine interest in helping us to make Boxford's school system the fine one it is.

We call your attention to the reports which follow, giving specific information in regard to the various educational activities.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STUART HAYWOOD, Chairman

LAURENCE D. FRIZZELL, Secretary

ARCHIBALD L. TRULL

School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

My annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954 is herewith submitted.

The opening of the new school at Boxford Village in the early part of 1954 has provided adequate housing for our growing school population. The additional classrooms provided have made it possible to eliminate double grade classes in all grades except one and two which are retained as such in both ends of the Town.

At the close of school in June 1954, appropriate dedication exercises were held in conjunction with the presentation of an operetta by the students of the new school under the direction of Mrs. Tatarunis, supervisor of Music, assisted by Mrs. Gladys MacPherson. Diplomas were awarded to pupils who completed the work of the eighth grade at these exercises.

The speaker at the dedication of the new school was Selectman Franklin Roberts, who paid high tribute to Mr. Harry L. Cole, a member of the Boxford Board of Selectmen for many years and for whom the building was named. The naming of the school for Mr. Cole is a testimonial to his many years of devoted service rendered to the Town, its well being and its future.

With the reopening of school in September 1954, grades six, seven and eight were departmentalized with the principal and two teachers each assuming responsibility for particular areas of the program. The new all-purpose room made possible the development of a physical education program and a recreational program as well.

Present plans to equip the kitchen at the new school will make possible the operation of a hot lunch program and instruction in Household Arts for upper grade girls. With the introduction of Household Arts for girls, I look forward

to an Industrial Arts course for upper grade boys.

The instructional staff of our schools in 1954 included three teachers who were not with us a year ago. Mrs. Sylvia Adams, a Boston University graduate with previous teaching experience, became a member of the teaching staff early in the year and Mr. John Branch and Mrs. Phyllis Piper joined the staff of the new school as teacher-principal and teacher, respectively, in September 1954. Mr. Branch is a graduate of the University of Maine with a Master's Degree from Boston University and has had previous teaching experience in Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Mrs. Piper has a B. S. Degree in Education from Keene Teacher's College and has had teaching experience in New Hampshire and elsewhere in Massachusetts.

The educational progress of Boxford pupils is well in accord with individual abilities. Every effort is made to meet the special needs of the individual pupil. The record of Boxford pupils in secondary schools attests to the adequacy of the elementary school background.

Supervision of Music continues under the direction of Mrs. Marcia Tatarunis. The Operetta presented at the closing exercises at the Cole School was indicative of the progress in this special subject.

At the close of school in June 1954, Mrs. Esther Osman resigned and was succeeded in September by Mrs. Gretchen S. Sanderson of Rowley, Mass. who is a Massachusetts College Art graduate who served previously as Art Supervisor in the schools of Barrington, Rhode Island and Seekonk, Mass. Mrs. Sanderson's ability, interest and enthusiasm in Art are great assets in stimulating pupil interest in this area of the school program.

In closing this report, I express my appreciation to the teachers, School Committee, Town Officials and citizens for

their cooperation during the past year. The cooperation of the Parent-Teachers Association is also gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my second annual report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Weekly visits have been made on Tuesday to each grade in the town, the length of time in each grade as follows:

Grades I and II	twenty minutes
Grades III, IV and V	thirty minutes
Grades VI, VII and VIII	forty minutes

The classroom teachers have been very cooperative in continuing with the music program throughout the week and for this I am very grateful.

We have added to our collection of rote song material in the first grades by purchasing the "American Singer", Book I, new edition.

Because of the lack of enough boks in Grades IV and V, an additional number of "American Singer", Book IV were ordered.

We have replaced Book VI from the old Ginn series with Book VI, new edition.

Preparation for the annual operetta, which is the highlight of the year, begins soon after the New Year, with Grades VI, VII and VIII participating. The success of our operetta this year was due to the high cooperation and

enthusiasm of both the students and teachers, and especially to the long hours of rehearsal time put in by Gladys MacPherson.

In closing, I would like to say that I am very grateful to the teachers in Boxford for their willingness to assist me in the music program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARCIA TATARUNIS,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee
of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The art program in the Town of Boxford has been aimed at the ideal of reaching each and every child. In order to do this a variety of experiences in acquainting the child with different media is necessary. Other forms of expression, such as crafts, paper sculpture, etc. are introduced, as compared with continuous drawing which, in most classes, affects a limited few.

Each child has hidden abilities that should be encouraged and often a child is happiest in creating with his hands, therefore, he shares an equal part in the art program and develops confidence and interest. This is essential in a public school art program.

The Boxford art program has tried to correlate with the classroom studies, room and corridor decorations and seasonal projects with the basic principles of color, design, lettering, realism and composition.

Grades one and two have had the following experiences: paper sculpture; large brush and paper painting;

chalk drawing; figure work; finger painting and holiday projects.

Grade three: Wet chalk drawing; figure drawing; simple poster work; large brush painting; window painting; paper sculpture; holiday projects and room decorations.

Grade four: Wet chalk drawing; health posters; paper sculpture; landscape chalk border for room (social study); Halloween lanterns; figure drawing; Thanksgiving window design; Indian headdress; choir boys for showcase and Christmas wreaths for room.

Grade five: Figure drawing; wet chalk autumn leaves; paper sculpture; large brush painting, (simple landscape); Halloween lanterns; watercolor boxes, (planned design for Indian bowls); papier mache bowls; diorama for window display; choir boys for showcase; stained glass window project; Christmas decorations.

Grade six: Autumn leaf wet chalk experience; vegetable posters for lunch room; simple perspective; watercolor work; crayon resist work; Halloween masks; lettering; potato printing; diorama scene for window display; choir boys for show case; room Christmas poinsettas.

Grade seven; Introduction to color value; black and white paper sculpture; perspective; watercolor work; large figure drawing; plan of mural correlating with room social study (Early American History); charcoal work on large wrapping paper mural in gymnasium; painting the mural; individual Christmas sprays for corridor wall decoration.

Grade eight: House and landscape perspective using two vanishing points (two point perspective); watercolor work handling of materials and brush; individual group work for backing in show case using their social study as subjects; lettering poster work; sponge painting; monogram study; glass etching; design work painted on tin cans using

enamel paint; Christmas card design; spatter work; metal Christmas ornament cutting.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRETCHEN S. SANDERSON,

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

The following is my report as school physician for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Fifteen pre-school physical examinations were performed by Dr. Nahil of Georgetown prior to his resigning as school physician to pursue further specialized training.

Since my appointment the school nurse and I have performed over fifty physical examinations including heart and chest examinations of those boys and girls in the sixth and eighth grades who were participating in team sports.

The most common physical defect discovered was poor dentition. Several minor cardiac and orthopedic problems were noted and parents were advised of them. On the whole the children examined were found to be in satisfactory physical condition.

Your attention is directed to the report of the school nurse in regards ear and eye examinations.

The school nurse and the members of the teaching staff must be congratulated for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LANSING H. BENNETT, M. D.,

School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as school nurse for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Physical examinations for the first, fourth and seventh grades were completed in December after considerable delay due to the late appointment of Dr. L. H. Bennett of Topsfield as School Physician.

Boys and girls in the sixth and eighth grades participating in sports were given a heart and chest examination.

The second pre-school clinic met with considerable success. A total of fifteen pupils about to enter the first grade were present with their parents. The examinations were conducted by Dr. Nahil of Georgetown. A few parents took advantage of the clinic to have their children vaccinated.

In April, sixty-six pupils were immunized with diphtheria-tetanus toxoid.

A total of one hundred and fifty-two pupils had ear and eye examinations with the audiometer and visual aid machine provided by the State. The ear examinations were negative. The eye examinations showed four children in need of glasses. These children received immediate attention and one child was under treatment.

I wish to thank the school personnel and the school physicians for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R. N.,

School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

John Flanders
Meredythe Osgood
Eleanor Swanson

Juniors

Sophie Cronis
Kurt Waring

Sophomores

Helen Galloway
Susan Godfrey
Priscilla Owen

Freshmen

Scott Nolan
Sandra Nolan
Judy Melzard

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Linda Lou Ortega
Dwight Melzard
Judith Owen
Orden Owen

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

John Baer
Anne Lord
Kathleen Dineen
Valerie Shaw
David Emery
Beverly Spofford

Juniors

Mary Alice Baer
Sally Harris
Marjorie Gould
Sara Paisley

Sophomores

James Butler
Davida B. Morin
Robert L. Millay
Evelyn Perry
Stuart Troop

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING

NORTH ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen

Constance Blake
Kimball Harris
Edward Colby
Robert Hoogerzeil
Bruce Cramer
Charles Mattraw
George Emery
Richard Pinkham
Judith French
Robert Richardson
Patricia Gamans
Carole Talbot
Michael Greenler
Leonard Dupres

Sophomores

Gloria Berube
William Hartwell
Kathleen Greenler
Brenda Spofford
Herbert Whittemore

Juniors

William Greenler
George Hopping

Seniors

Joan Houldsworth

HARRY LEE COLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

June 15, 1954

Constance Blake
Frances Lee Brown
Edward Laurence Colby, Jr.
Bruce Hayes Cramer
George Arthur Emery
Judith C. French
Cynthia Ann French
Patricia Ann Gamans
Michael Leo Greenler
Kimball Stuart Harris
Robert Preble Hoogerzeil
Charles E. Mattraw
David Allen Page
Richard G. Pinkham, II
Robert Charles Richardson
Bruce Edward Wade

Diplomas presented by J. Stuart Haywood, Chairman, School Committee.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1954

HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	10	3	—	—	—	12	10	9	44
Girls	6	7	—	—	—	8	21	10	52
	16	10	—	—	—	20	31	19	96

AARON WOOD

Boys	—	—	—	11	3	—	—	—	14
Girls	—	—	—	10	9	—	—	—	19
	—	—	—	21	12	—	—	—	33

GARDNER MORSE

Boys	3	9	14	—	—	—	—	—	26
Girls	2	5	14	—	—	—	—	—	21
	5	14	28	—	—	—	—	—	47
Totals	21	24	28	21	12	20	31	19	176

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16 or over	Totals
Boys	22	92	6	120
Girls	25	101	10	136
	47	193	16	256

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1955

ADMINISTRATION:		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 1,256.00	
Superintendent's Transp.	141.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	410.00	
Supervisors of Attendance	20.00	
School Committee Expense	100.00	
		1,927.00
INSTRUCTIONAL:		
Teachers' Salaries	25,990.00	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,540.00	
Substitutes	400.00	
Books	700.00	
Supplies	800.00	
Supervisors' Expense	100.00	
Libraries	150.00	
		29,680.00
OPERATIONAL:		
Janitors' Salaries	1,800.00	
Fuel	2,000.00	
Electricity	850.00	
Janitor Supplies	350.00	
Telephones	190.00	
		5,190.00

HEALTH:

Physician	250.00	
Nurse	400.00	
Supplies	25.00	
		675.00
Tuition		18,000.00
Transportation		10,000.00
Maintenance		1,000.00
Insurance		1,200.00
Equipment		1,200.00
Graduation		75.00
Physical Education		350.00
TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS		$69,297.00

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT FOR 1955

Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$ 8,463.33	
Superintendent of Schools	616.00	
Transportation	8,100.00	
Tuition of State Wards	300.00	
		17,479.33
NET COST OF SCHOOLS		$51,817.67
VOCATIONAL		$ 600.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

As our town of Boxford continues to mature, the cost of government must increase accordingly, especially in terms of schools and roads. Development is definitely away from farming toward that of a residential area almost exclusively. With no industry to assist us with the tax load, the citizens need not be reminded that each dollar spent in the annual budget is a dollar directly "out-of-pocket". However, under the guidance of our Town officers and various Boards and Departments, along with the cooperation of an intelligent and discerning citizenry, our healthy, gradual growth leads to a most promising future for this typical New England town.

This year you will find a different form of report from your Finance Committee. The budget has been set up by functions in accordance with the State system to give greater information to the voters. The grand total of all Departmental Budgets for 1953 $181,495.63 and for 1954 was $185,703.28. If our recommendations for 1955 are followed, the total of the suggested Budget should be approximately $153,421.40.

Walter K. Morss, who has served on this Committee since its inception, has resigned. We all owe him a vote of thanks in gratitude for his invaluable services and time which he gave to the many problems confronting the Town and the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

DIMON LOCKWOOD

JOHN BOLTON

THOMAS E. CARGILL, Jr., Chairman

Finance Committee

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $21,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair of construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $60.59 to pay a 1953 telephone bill of the Fire Department.

Article 11. To appropriate $324.17 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $500.00 for the improvement of Bare Hill Road from the Nolan property to the Topsfield town line on petition of Roland Melzard et al.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the improvement of

Depot Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 14. To see what action the town will take toward the improvement of Baldpate Road on petition of Catherine Thomas et al, and raise and appropriate money for same.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for the use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to accept a gift of land from Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., of approximately 4 1/3 acres, shown as public lot on plan of land belonging to Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., dated February 10, 1955, Bradford and Weed, Civil Engineers, scale 1″=200 ft., including the area commonly known as "Round Top".

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to install indoor toilets in both Town Halls upon petition of Boxford and West Boxford Granges.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to act in cooperation with one or more towns within the Commonwealth to create a special unpaid board to be known as the regional district planning board, said board to consist of three members from each participating town to be appointed by its moderator, and one of said members to be a member of its school committee; to authorize the moderator to appoint as said board three registered voters of the town, one of whom shall be a member of the school committee, for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a regional school district and making a report and recommendations relative thereto as soon as possible but no later

than the next annual town meeting, in compliance with Chapter 638, Section 14, 14 A and 14B of the Acts of 1949, and to take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the purpose of establishing a School Lunch Account.

Article 20. To see if the town will enact a by-law relative to the number of voters to be required to constitute a quorum at town meetings.

Article 21. To see what action the town will take relative to the improvement of Bald Hill Road from Middleton Road to the land of the Bald Hill Trust.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to have the voting for the election of the Town Officers take place in each of the Town's two precincts at the annual and any special elections, and to see whether or not the Town will vote to change the time and place of holding the annual business meeting.

Article 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Tuesday, March 8th next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Selectman for three years, Treasurer for three years, Assessor of Taxes for three years, Collector of Taxes, Constable, East Parish; Constable, West Parish; one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden, one year, two members of the Planning Board for five years, one member of Committee on School Funds for life.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 A. M., AND MAY CLOSE AT 1:30 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1955

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,400.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	475.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	1,600.00
Registrars	100.00
Elections	100.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	500.00
Wire Inspector	250.00
Finance Committee	100.00
Board of Health	1,200.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Planning Board	25.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	2,000.00
Deputy Game Warden	—
Forest Warden	2,000.00
Fire Warden	1,500.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	750.00

AID AND RELIEF

Central Essex Welfare Dist., Adm.	—
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,000.00

Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES	
School Department	69,297.00
Vocational Education	600.00
HIGHWAYS	
Chap. 81 Maintenance	2,800.00
Chap. 90 Const.	2,500.00
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00
UNCLASSIFIED	
Town Halls	1,500.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	6,300.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	200.00
Clerical	300.00
Town Reports	500.00
Civil Defense	445.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Essex Sanitorium	1,242.27
State Parks & Reservations	192.40
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	799.46
County Tax	3,879.00
County Retirement System	1,560.68
Interest on Maturing Debt	3,100.00
School House Note	7,000.00
Community House	150.00
TOTAL	$148,860.81

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

1955

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Together With the

Report of the School Committee and the

Various Town Officers

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Cassino Press, Salem, Mass.

In Memoriam

Alfred Kimball Nason

1877 - 1955

Measurer of Wood and Bark,

1903-1904 and 1911-1918

Surveyor of Lumber, 1906-1909 and 1913-1918

Appeal Board Member, 1947-1955

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The annual town meeting of the voters of Boxford was held at the Legion Hall, West Boxford, at 8 p.m. with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding as moderator. A short prayer was offered by Rev. William O. Hoover before the business meeting began. The following action was taken:

Article 1: Voted to accept reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed.

Article 2: Voted to adopt budget as amended.

Article 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4: Voted to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5: Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $21,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair of construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7: Voted to pass over.

Article 8: Voted to pass over.

Article 9: Voted to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 10: Unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60.59 to pay a 1953 telephone bill of the Fire Department.

Article 11: Voted to appropriate $324.17 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, the amount to be divided equally between the Libraries at the two ends of the town.

Article 12: Voted to pass over.

Article 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the improvement of Depot Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 14: Voted to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 toward the improvement of Baldpate Road on petition of Catherine Thomas, et al.

Article 15: Voted to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for the use towards the maintenance of the same.

Article 16: Voted to accept with thanks a gift of land from Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., of approximately 4 1/3 acres, shown as public lot on plan of land belonging to Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., dated February 10, 1955, Bradford and Weed, Civil Engineers, scale 1"=200 ft., including the area commonly known as "Round Top", and that a Board of Administration be appointed consisting of 1 Selectman, 1 member of the School Board, 1 Highway Surveyor, and 1 member of the Planning Board, by the Moderator, to supervise the land

so deeded, such acceptance to be conditional upon approval of the subdivision by the Planning Board, with one year to be allowed the donor to remove nursery stock from the area.

Article 17: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to install indoor toilets in both Town Halls upon petition of Boxford and West Boxford Granges.

Article 18: Voted to act in cooperation with one or more towns within the Commonwealth to create a special unpaid board to be known as the regional district planning board, said board to consist of three members from each participating town to be appointed by its moderator, and one of said members to be a member of its school committee; to authorize the moderator to appoint as said board three registered voters of the town, one of whom shall be a member of the school committee, for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a regional school district and making a report and recommendations relative thereto as soon as possible but no later than the next annual town meeting, in compliance with Chapter 638, Section 14, 14 A and 14 B of the Acts of 1949, and to take any action relative thereto.

Article 19: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the purpose of establishing a School Lunch Account in accordance with statutes applicable.

Article 20: Voted to enact the following by-law: "A quorum for the transaction of business at any town meeting shall be fifty voters", (by handvote, 50-10).

Article 21: Voted to pass over.

Article 22: Voted to hold the election of the Town Officers from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

Article 23: Voted unanimously to allow Mr. R. C. Tourtellot, of Northern Homes, Distributors, Inc., to explain

his company's subdivision plans on the Silva property, and their intention of extending the Topsfield water system into the project if the Town of Boxford approved.

The following resolution was approved by the voters: "Resolved; that this meeting is of the mind that the Board of Selectmen, or a committee of their appointees, investigate and procure a recreation area to be restricted to the use of residents of the Town of Boxford, by June, 1955; this area to contain ample facilities for swimming and other recreations, along with a parking area; and that, if necessary, a special town meeting be called by this committee to approve the site chosen and raise such money as may be necessary."

The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1955

Selectmen	$1,400.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	475.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	1,600.00
Registrars	100.00
Elections	100.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	500.00
Wire Inspector	500.00
Finance Committee	100.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Board of Health	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00

Planning Board	25.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	2,000.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,500.00
Tree Warden	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	750.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
School Department	69,297.00
Vocational Education	600.00
Chap. 81 Maintenance	2,800.00
Chap. 90 Const.	2,500.00
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00
Town Halls	1,500.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	6,300.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	200.00
Clerical	300.00
Town Reports	500.00
Civil Defense	445.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Essex Sanitorium	1,242.27
State Parks & Reservations	192.40
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	799.46

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TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$ 500.00	
Article 4	2,000.00	
Article 5	21,000.00	
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Article 11	324.17	
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A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

TOWN OF BOXFORD, M

OFFICE OF

Town Clerk

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

(2) At a special town meeting on Sept. 19, 1955, the following amendment to the Zoning By-Law was voted, was approved by the Attorney General on Oct. 18, 1955, and becomes effective with this notice:

"Amend subsection 4 of Section XI so as to read: Land laid out after the adoption of these by-laws shall provide for each dwelling of the following minimum lot areas and dimensions: for a one family dwelling, not under two acres and at least two hundred and fifty feet frontage except lots laid out by recorded deed or conveyance, or shown on any duly recorded plan, or plan which has been approved by the Planning Board, complying with by-law provisions if any, applicable at the time of such recording or approval may be used.

Sept. 30 1955

Office of the Attorney General
State House
Boston Mass

Gentlemen:

At a special town meeting of the voters of Boxford on Sept. 19 1955 the following action was taken on Article 13 and was recorded in the town clerk's record:

Voted to amend Subsection 4 of Section XI of the zoning by-law, by striking out one acre and substituting two acres, and striking out two hundred feet and substituting two hundred and fifty feet, by striking out "said house not to occupy more than twenty percent of the area" and by adding the provision: lots laid out by recorded deed or conveyance or shown on any duly recorded plan, or plan which has been approved by the Planning Board, complying with by-law provisions if any applicable at the time of such recording or approval, may be used so as to read: land laid out after the adoption of these by-laws shall provide for each dwelling of the following minimum lot areas and dimensions: for a one family dwelling, not under two acres and at least two hundred and fifty feet frontage except lots laid out by recorded deed or conveyance or shown on any duly recorded plan, or plan which has been approved by the Planning Board, complying with by-law provisions if any applicable at the time of such recording or approval may be used.

Passed by a hand vote 94 yes, 13 no.

A true record

Attest: E. Laurence Colby
Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., October 18, 1955
The foregoing amendment to zoning by-law is hereby approved.

George Fingold

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REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 19, 1955

A special Town Meeting of the voters of Boxford was held in the Harry L. Cole School on Monday, Sept. 19, 1955. The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator, and a short prayer was offered by Rev. Charles L. Atkins. The following action was taken:

Article 1: Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $2,400.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 2: Voted to appropriate the sum of $504.98 refunded from insurance to repair boiler damage at the Aaron Wood School.

Article 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of $151.93 refunded from insurance to be expended for the repair of the stage curtain at the Harry L. Cole School.

Article 4: Voted to accept the sum of $192.50 from the Parent-Teachers' Association and appropriate the said sum for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Harry L. Cole School.

Article 5: Voted to transfer the sum of $26.95 from the Memorial Day Appropriation to the Morse House account.

Article 6: Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 from Surplus Revenue for the acquisition of a parcel of land adjoining the Town Hall property, now belonging to Hills, in connection with the installation of toilets as previously voted.

Article 7: Voted to appropriate the sum of $30.00 from Surplus Revenue for the acquisition of certain property adjacent to the West Boxford fire house for the purpose of widening the road at the fire house entrance.

Article 8: Voted to appropriate the sum of $1.00 from Surplus Revenue for the acquisition of certain property for the purpose of widening and straightening Baldpate Road.

Article 9: Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $200.00 for the purchase of a ground tester for the use of the Wire Inspector.

Article 10: Voted to install an electric street light on pole #270 on Maple Avenue.

Article 11: Voted that the town adopt the following by-law: "Where, in the course of their duties, the Board of Health deem it necessary to conduct percolation tests in connection with sewage disposal permits, the applicants shall pay the fee therefor." This by-law was adopted 78 yes, 8 no, by a show of hands.

Article 12: Voted that the town adopt the following by-law: "No person shall operate upon any pond, lake, or waterway within the town, a motorboat having an outboard or inboard motor of more than five horsepower, and no person owning such a motorboat shall permit such operation by any other person. Any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars." Voted unanimously.

Article 13: Voted to amend subsection 4 of Section XI of the zoning by-law, by striking out one acre and substituting two acres, and striking out two hundred feet and substituting two hundred and fifty feet, by striking out "said house not to occupy more than twenty per cent of the area" and by adding the provision: lots laid out by recorded deed or conveyance or shown on any duly recorded plan, or plan which has been approved by the Planning Board, complying with the by-law provision if any applicable at the time of such recording or approval, may be used so as to read: land laid out after the adoption of these by-laws shall provide for each dwelling of the following minimum lot areas and dimensions: for a one family dwelling, not under two

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Article 14: Resolved: that the meeting declare itself in favor of transferring the postal facilities of the East Boxford Post Office to a RFD route out of the Boxford Post Office with its members drawn from the East Boxford Post Office and the Georgetown and Topsfield RFD routes, with Gerald Brisbois, the present E. Boxford postmaster operating the new proposed RFD Route.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

A true record,

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

LIST OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING 1955

Date		*Name*	*Parents' Name*
1954			
July	15	Donald Norman McCowan	Donald N. McCowan Nancy B. Hilyard
Oct.	23	Kim Christine Prevost	Milton E. Prevost Jean E. Williams
Oct.	23	Laine Mary Prevost	Milton E. Prevost Jean E. Williams
Nov.	21	Cheryl Ann Dudley	Ralph A. Dudley, Jr. Charlotte A. Kelley
Dec.	17	Lindsay Richard Perry	Lindsay R. Perry Barbara L. Coffin
Dec.	26	David Stewart Spurr	John S. Spurr Martha J. McEwan

1955

Jan.	25	Brenda Carleton	David Ray Carleton Lois Thompson
Jan.	28	Timothy Kimball Colby	E. Laurence Colby Marion MacGregor
Feb.	2	Mark Farnsworth	Cecil H. Farnsworth Alice A. Parsons
Feb.	6	Suzanne Ruth Haywood	John S. Haywood Ruth F. Cassino
Mar.	25	Christopher Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rose Stevenson
Apr.	11	Robert Peter McGinnity	Robert B. McGinnity Marlene J. Vachon
Apr.	17	Leslie Irene Cargill	William R. Cargill Mary L. Waters
Apr.	21	Pamela Jean Wheeler	Alvin W. Wheeler Patricia E. Shattuck
May	9	Elizabeth Dean Bolton	Wallace L. Bolton Barbara Dean
May	15	Robert Arthur Tibbetts	Jonathan A. Tibbetts Therese E. Small
May	20	David Harrison Evans	John Evans Martina Irby
June	6	Claire Josephine Hebb	Robert E. Hebb Shirley M. Eastman
July	17	Christopher Mark Runnals	Benjamin E. Runnals, Jr. Marilyn B. Morency
July	27	Carol Lynne Benson	John R. Benson Ruby Cochrane
Aug.	24	Joyce Christine Hopping	Richard G. Hopping Edith O. Murken
Sept.	9	Jonathan Alfred Ackerman	Alfred R. Ackerman, Jr. Ruth Weyhgandt

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING 1955

Date		*Names*	*Residence*
Feb.	6	Joseph Ferreira Mello	East Boxford, Mass.

	Nancy Caroline Wright	Groveland, Mass.
Feb. 12	James F. Troop	Boxford, Mass.
	Lorraine A. Dow	Amesbury, Mass.
Feb. 19	Joseph A. Ruest, Jr.	Kennebunk, Maine
	Natalie H. (Edmunds) Thrasher	Boxford, Mass.
Mar. 11	Robert Randall Walsh	Topsfield, Mass.
	Barbara Lee Perkins	West Boxford, Mass.
Apr. 3	Leon Carrol Wood	No. Andover, Mass.
	Sally Patricia Curtis	West Boxford, Mass.
June 25	William Warren Rust	Topsfield, Mass.
	Charlotte Susan Blake	West Boxford, Mass.
July 15	Edward John Adams	Boxford, Mass.
	Marjorie Ellen Hooper	Danvers, Mass.
July 16	Edward A. Millen	Boxford, Mass.
	Sandra Jenkins	Salem, Mass.
Nov. 19	Norman MacKinnon Marshall	Boxford, Mass.
	Edith May Gamble	East Boxford, Mass.
Oct. 24	Percy E. Seaver	Boxford, Mass.
	Laura C. Mears	Enosburg, Vermont

DEATHS RECORDED DURING 1955

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Dec. 11	Sophie Webber	72	—	—
1955				
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Mar. 17	Francis Brisbane Galaher	76	3	12
Mar. 26	Alfred K. Nason	78	1	25
Apr. 12	Walter G. Purkis	81	—	—
Apr. 21	Lulie M. Pinkney	74	—	—
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ber of the Board of Health for three years, Collector of Taxes for one year, Constable, East Parish, one year, Constable, West Parish, one year, Highway Surveyor, East Parish, one year, Highway Surveyor, West Parish, one year, Tree Warden, one year, two members of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON, AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Selectmen of Boxford.

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1956

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	1,600.00
Registrars	150.00
Elections	700.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	500.00
Wire Inspector	500.00
Finance Committee	100.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Board of Health	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Planning Board	25.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	3,000.00
Forest Warden	2,000.00
Fire Warden	1,500.00
Tree Warden	900.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	800.00

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	1,000.00
Disability Assistance)	
Old Age Assistance)	25,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children)	
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	81,350.00
Vocational Education	300.00

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	8,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	1,750.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	5,524.21
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Clerical	300.00
Town Reports	600.00
Civil Defense	350.00
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Oct. 24	Paul H. Anthopoulos	62	2	9
Nov. 28	Letitia L. Davidson	62	10	7
Dec. 17	Myra A. (Chadwick) Mooers	81	—	23

DOG LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1955

84 Males @ $2.00	$168.00
21 Females @ $5.00	105.00
34 Spayed @ $2.00	68.00
6 Kennels @ $10.00	60.00
2 Kennels @ $25.00	50.00
	$451.00
147 Fees @ $0.20	29.40
Paid Town Treasurer	$421.60

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1955

45 Fishing Licenses @ $3.25	$146.25
46 Hunting Licenses @ $3.25	149.50
20 Sporting Licenses @ $5.25	105.00
9 Minor Fishing Licenses @ $1.25	11.25
7 Female Fishing Licenses @ $2.25	15.75
1 Minor Trapping License @ $2.25	2.25
1 Trapping License @ $7.75	7.75
1 3-Day Fishing License @ $2.75	2.75
1 Non-resident Hunting License @ $15.25	15.25
4 Duplicates @ $.50	2.00
6 Free Licenses	
	$457.75
Fees @ $.25	32.75
Paid Dept. of Fisheries and Game	$425.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.

2. Grants, gifts, and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.

4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was $173,621.76.

Other expenses for the year were:

Hurricanes	$10,427.46
Veterans' Services	100.00
State Parks and Reservations	192.40
State Audit	799.46
County Tax	3,879.00
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,105.01
Contributory Retirement Assessment	1,560.68
Overlay for 1955	4,950.29
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Underestimate	263.45
	$196,899.51
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	87,792.13
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	$109,107.38
The Poll Tax—379 yielded	758.00

In order to collect the balance of $108,349.38, called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$ 245,095.00
Real Estate—building and land	1,761,375.00
Giving a total valuation of	$2,006,470.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $54.00, which made a tax on personal property of $13,235.13 and on real estate $95,114.25.

The Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax on 925 vehicles valued at $475,990.00 at the state-wide rate of $53.37 yielded $19,939.95.

Under the provision of Chapter 59 of the General Laws the assessors have, for your convenience in declaring your property for taxation, mailed to the major portion of those owning real estate, A Form of List which, if you so desire, you may file for 1956. This seemed desirable, since there have been approximately 100 house lots purchased that have a house either now or soon to be in the process of construction.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Boxford, Mass.
Dec. 31, 1955

The Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals in the past year of 1955 I submit the report as follows:

16 places where animals were kept were inspected according to the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Division Live Stock Disease Control. There were 16 places having 129 Bovine Animals, 24 sheep, 8 swine, 6 horses.

I have a deep feeling that the shrinkage in the livestock industry in these parts is a damaging blow to our New England welfare and economy.

Respectfully submitted
WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1951

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2.00	
Abatements:		
Poll		$ 2.00
	$ 2.00	$ 2.00

TAXES—1952

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,124.30	
Audit adjustment	52.00	
Interest collected	103.38	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$ 981.54
Personal Property		39.38
Interest		103.38
Abatements:		
Real Estate		120.00
Personal Property		35.33
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956		.05
	$ 1,279.68	$ 1,279.68

TAXES—1953

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,901.41	
Audit adjustment	37.32	
Interest collected	71.41	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 2.00
Real Estate		1,255.44
Personal Property		291.69
Interest		71.41
Abatements:		
Poll		8.00
Real Estate		19.20
Personal Property		33.60

Motor Vehicle Excise		99.40
Audit adjustment		18.12
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956		1,211.28
	$ 3,010.14	$ 3,010.14

TAXES—1954

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1955	$ 12,742.91	
Interest collected	106.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	77.10	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 4.00
Real Estate		4,836.00
Personal Property		570.00
Classified Forest Land		33.25
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,807.52
Interest		106.59
Abatements:		
Poll		22.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		312.53
Audit adjustment		9.00
Transferred to Tax Title account		3.75
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956		4,221.96
	$ 12,926.60	$ 12,926.60

TAXES—1955

Poll Tax Commitment	$ 758.00	
Real Estate Commitments	95,135.85	
Personal Property Commitments	13,235.13	
Classified Forest Land Commitment	153.09	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	19,939.95	
Real Estate Refund	81.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	937.30	
Interest collected	24.02	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 634.00
Real Estate		83,384.46

Personal Property		11,843.28
Classified Forest Land		145.47
Motor Vehicle Excise		16,841.74
Interest		24.02
Abatements:		
Poll		62.00
Real Estate		1,989.64
Personal Property		21.60
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,705.93
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956		13,612.20
	$130,264.34	$130,264.34

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$ 90,457.44
Personal Property	12,744.35
Poll	640.00
Classified Forest Land	178.72
Motor Vehicle Excise	19,649.26
Interest	305.40
Paid to Treasurer	$123,975.17

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Collector.

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

The Boxford Public Library is open every Thursday and Saturday afternoon from two-thirty to five-thirty for the distribution of books.

The circulation of books for the past year was as follows:

Adult non-fiction	844
Adult fiction	1087
Juvenile non-fiction	232
Juvenile fiction	1262

The total circulation was 3425 making an average of approximately 285 books per month.

The total magazine circulation was 687.

Number of books added to the library were 262 by purchase and 36 by gift.

Three loans of books were received from the Merrimac Valley Library Aid Association during the year. These loans have helped to increase the supply of non-fiction books in varied fields.

In the State Reading activity 105 certificates for five books and 8 honor certificates for twenty or more books were given to pupils in grades four through eight.

Mr. Herbert Gage, a former resident of the town, bequeathed $1,000.00 to the Library, in memory of his mother, Mrs. Abby R. Gage. Mrs. Gage was one of the original trustees of the Boxford Public Library when it was founded in 1873. She served as secretary and treasurer for forty-three years. The interest of this bequest is to be used for the purchase of books.

The trustees extend their sincere thanks to all who have added to the value and usefulness of the library and especially to the librarians who have helped to make the library of service and importance to our community.

WINTHROP P. HAYNES, President
MILTON E. LORD, Vice President
ESTHER K. PERLEY, Secretary
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CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

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The library was open to the public every Wednesday and Saturday, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. during the year. Circulation of books totaled 3,683. Fiction, 1,271; non-fiction, 1,440; and juveniles, 972.

Books added to the library numbered 318; of these, 244 were purchased. Volumes now in the collection total 8,917.

The Merrimac Valley Library Association, through its exchange plan, lent to the library four collections of books during the year. Most of these were non-fiction and were well received by our borrowers.

The children's reading program continued to be popular. 46 state reading certificates were awarded at the end of the school term. 8 were 20-book certificates, and 38 were 5-book certificates.

The bakery sale held on the grounds in September netted the sum of $51.00. This money was used for the purchase of books.

The Thrift Shop contributed to the book fund the sum of $487.56. This was made possible by the efforts of the shop committee and many others in the community who were generous with their time and donations of articles to sell.

To all who assisted in any way to make the library helpful in 1955, may we say thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

The sum of $200.00 was appropriated for 1955. The full amount of $200.00 was used in clearing up hurricane damage and in trimming along the wood roads. Some thinning was also done along the wood roads, about 100 feet either side.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS
WINTHROP P. HAYNES
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Town Forest Committee.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

All money collected for dog licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

There are a few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

	Number	*Value*
Permit granted for house	68	$923,850.00
Permit granted for addition	7	16,550.00
Permit granted for garage	2	2,400.00
Permit granted for minkhouse	1	1,200.00
Special Permit Granted	3	
TOTAL	81	$944,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,
Building Inspector.

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE WORK

To the Board of Selectmen:

Several large diseased Elms, located in the village, were removed and burned; also, some on the outlying roads. There are more that will have to be removed. It is very important that all dead Elm tree wood be burned to help curb this disease.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

We had a very light infestation this year due in part to the spraying by airplane done by the state in the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:

A great deal of the damage done by the hurricanes has been taken care of. With the help of expert tree climbers, a lot of necessary trimming has been done.

The Electric Light Co. has been clearing the lines very thoroughly, thus insuring better service and better clearance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

Report for the year 1955:

119 Permits
229 Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,
Wire Inspector.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	6
Beam scales	1
Computing scales	3
Spring scales	10
Gasoline meters	4
Kerosene pumps	1
Grease pumps	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

EXAMINED

Month	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep*
January	51	225	17
February	45	237	11
March	50	396	2
April	41	245	19
May	43	212	5
June	41	201	19
July	32	382	18
August	52	249	17
September	47	209	9
October	58	212	25
November	59	279	23
December	55	256	24
TOTAL	574	3103	189

During the year 3 cows and 59 calves were condemned.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER

CURTIS A. KIMBALL

Inspectors of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1955.
Classified Activities:

Complaints (various)	97
Motor vehicle accidents	39
Court appearances	19
House Breaks	10
Fatal Accidents (motor vehicle)	4
Fatal Accident (drowning)	1
Malicious Damage	7
Summonses served	12
Larceny	12
Speed boat complaints	8
Arrests (local officers)	14
Arrests (State Police)	15
Police Service	2
Armed Robbery	1
Stolen cars recovered	6
Registry requests	24

All the intersections which were approved by the Department of Public Works have been marked by appropriate signs with the exception of Washington and Main Street intersection in West Boxford. The state is going to install these signs at no expense to the town.

The year 1955 has seen about a 100% increase in the calls which have required the service of a police officer.

We have investigated several complaints from people on the various ponds in town relative to improper operation of speed boats. As a result of these complaints an ordinance was written and passed by the town at a special town meeting in September. This ordinance is subject to the approval of the attorney general.

There were twelve calls for an ambulance as a result of automobile accidents and four others as a result of other injuries.

The year 1955 has been a busy one for the Police Department and I wish to thank the townspeople and all the town officers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

With the enactment of amendments to the zoning by-laws increasing the minimum lot sizes and frontages, the pressure to develop Boxford at a pace far in excess of the town's resources has been eased to permit a more orderly growth.

The outlook for the town's continued growth, at the same time retaining its rural charm, is good.

The Planning Board, however, is mindful of the dangers of hodge-podge development, of subdivisions here and there with no through streets. Consequently, it has started a study, as many farsighted communities have done, of the advantages of adopting a master plan to anticipate the town's long range problems, a plan which may be completed over a period of years.

Two other studies, town recreation facilities and strengthening the building code, comprise the present program of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
E. LAURENCE COLBY
ALBERT C. WATERS, JR.
WILLIAM E. DORMAN
CHARLES P. A. NELSON
Planning Board.

REPORT OF THE NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following cases were assisted in 1955:

Bonus	62
Discharge (certified copy)	11
Discharge (recorded)	44
Forms notarized	9
Photostats	160

Taxes	22
Annual Income Report	30
Compensation	8
Pension	16
Education, Training	12
Hospitalization	8
Insurance	10
Medical-Dental	15
Power of Attorney	24

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. (Services)	46.40
Veteran's Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans Laws)	9.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$777.90

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director and Agent.

	N. Andover	*Boxford*	*Total*
Balance carried over from 1954	$157.20	$ 22.07	$179.27
Appropriated in 1955, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, Raised by the Assessors in 1955 Tax Levy	700.00	100.00	800.00
Totals	$857.20	$122.07	$979.27
Expended to December 31, 1955 (A)	$682.14	$ 95.76	$777.90
Balance, December 31, 1955	$175.06	$ 26.31	$201.37

(A) Basis for Apportionment, Chapter 599, Acts of 1945
An Act establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00—Percent .8769
Boxford	$1,317,222.00—Percent .1231

District Department of Veterans Service

JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

FIRES

7 Camps
13 Chimney
2 Auto fires on Rte. 1

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Fire Warden.

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

There were 14 brush and grass fires. Five fires were on Route 1. There were seven calls for fires at the Town Dump.

Please obey the law and call the Fire Dept., for permits for all outdoor fires.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

The communications system for Civil Defense has been in operation for the past six months with good results. This, together with the receiver set on the frequency of the State Police, gives us a workable system.

An Ambulance Unit is in the process of being formed within the Civil Defense Medical and Health Division. This will give the Town a trained team of qualified men and women for First Aid.

Collections for the ambulance are well on toward the goal and with the completion of the First Aid course the ambulance will be placed in service.

The cooperation of the officials of the town is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,
Director, Civil Defense.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the year, 67 cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health, of which 49 constituted a mild epidemic of measles in the early part of the year. The balance of the cases were as follows:

Disease	No. of Cases
Measles	49
Mumps	5
Chicken Pox	7
Dog Bite	5
Tuberculosis	1
Licenses were granted at follows:	
Recreational camps	5
Slaughter	2
Milk dealers	7
Milk producers	3
Lord's Day	2
Manufacture of ice cream	1

The Town was fortunate in acquiring the services of Tracy I. Flagg, sanitary engineer for the towns of Danvers, Topsfield and Wenham, to assist us in coping with the sanitation problems which arose during the year due to the many land developments in town. Applications for permits for sewage disposal installations are available from the Building Inspector.

We have been able to keep the Town Dump in reasonably good condition during the year although debris from the 1954 hurricanes continued to come in large quantities. Anticipating the development of a larger dumping area in the near future, we have had the entire area surveyed and a linen map of the same will be recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Salem.

The continuing development of land in Boxford made this seem advisable.

In the spring 41 children received the first inoculation of the Salk Vaccine. As you know, Massachusetts has approved the Polio Vaccine as safe and effective under present requirements of manufacture. In order that we may make preliminary plans for the administration of polio vaccine in our community, we would like to bring to your attention tentative proposed plans:

(1) The Polio Foundation will provide vaccine for the second injection to those children who received their first injection last Spring. This injection must be given in the schools, according to specifications of the Polio Foundation. It will not be necessary, however, to conduct a separate clinic for these particular children.

(2) Eligible groups presently entitled to receive the vaccine include all children under 15 years of age and pregnant women. Legislation to appropriate additional funds sufficient to cover the cost of vaccine for all eligible persons has been introduced. It is quite probable that such additional funds will be provided. This will mean that by pooling available funds from the National Foundation, Federal and State sources there will be sufficient funds to provide **free** vaccine to all children under 15 years of age and pregnant women. Eligibility for pregnant women will terminate with labor. Age given in the school census may be used to determine

eligibility of school children. Thus it is anticipated that **all** vaccine will be furnished free and no means test can be used in its distribution to these eligible groups.

(3) Vaccine will be available to private physicians for administration to private patients in the priority groups of children if signed consent slips are presented to the local public health agency. No charge for vaccine is permissible, but a charge for administration will be made if justified.

Vaccine will be allocated to the respective local health agencies based on the number of **signed consent slips** and not on the number of eligible children in the community. Only sufficient vaccine for the first dose will be received in the first allotment. Vaccine for the second dose will be distributed approximately one month after the first allocation. The recommended dosage is two injections (subcutaneous or intra-muscularly) of 1 cc. each, approximately one month apart. Most vaccine will be supplied in 9 cc. vials, although it is anticipated that a limited amount will be provided in 3 cc. vials.

It is anticipated that present estimated production figures will provide sufficient vaccine for administration to all priority groups before the next poliomyelitis season.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

We are pleased to announce that the expense of General Relief for the current year was 40% less than the average expense for the last three years. For other categories of aid and relief, see report of Central Essex Welfare District.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Active Old Age Assistance Cases	14
Active Aid to Dependent Children	2 families
	10 children
Active Disability Assistance Cases	2

Statistically Boxford has followed the statewide trend in a decrease in the Old Age Assistance caseload. This is attributed to the increased coverage of persons under the Social Security Act. Even though the number of persons aided has decreased, the expenditures per case have increased due to the meeting of individual needs and medical care.

In 1955 the average monthly payroll for Old Age Assistance was $1,368.27 or $97.73 per case. Average medical payment per month was $520.52 or $37.18 per case. Boxford's cost per case is above the state average but medical costs are very high due to the chronic illnesses of many of the recipients and the need for hospitalization, nursing home care, doctor's visits, medicines, glasses, visiting nurse services and the like.

Aid to Dependent Children had an average monthly payroll of $544.33 or $272.16 per case. Average medical payment per month was $94.56 or $47.28 per month. This would appear high but each family has 5 children and an adult whose needs must be met, all of the medical needs mentioned before plus the important item of dental care for the children.

Disability Assistance had an average monthly payroll of $115.49 or $57.74 per case. Average medical payment per month was $28.91 or $14.45 per case. This newest of the categories is still being developed and emphasis is being placed on rehabilitation whenever possible. It is hoped the services of the state department supplying these services will be extended and improvd under legislation recommended by the Governor in his message to the General Court.

All of the recipients of the federally aided categories of assistance receive two (2) checks per month, payment made in advance, to meet their individual needs. Medical needs are met when they become necessary and, after authorization in accordance with a state wide Medical Care Plan, are paid directly to the persons who rendered the service. Copies of all bills paid on behalf of persons receiving aid are sent to them each month in order that they are aware of what is being paid for their medical needs, and can aid this office in double checking services and payment for services rendered to them.

Although the Medical Care Plan has been in operation since July 1, 1954, there has been no drop in medical cost, only standardization of procedure. State wide studies show the trend generally upward for medical payments.

Starting in January, 1956, all recipients of Old Age Assistance will receive additional allowance of $2.50 per month for a transportation allowance with the exception of those in nursing homes, public medical institutions or chronic hospitals.

Costs for the federally aided programs are met from federal, state, and local funds according to various formulas devised for each category of assistance. The federal funds are returned to the various categories of assistance and are placed in a revolving fund to be used again in these categories. The state funds are returned to revenue and are influential in the setting of the tax rate for the following year.

The agent wishes to thank all of the town officials and townspeople for their help and cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,

Welfare Agent.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Highways

During 1955 another section of Depot Road was improved under Chapter 90 which brings the reconstruction nearly to Pond Street, at a cost of $9,288.23 from an appropriation of $10,000.00 — $5,000.00 from the state, $2.500.00 from the county, and $2,500.00 from the town. The balance of the appropriation, $711.77, is to be used in the spring for a second application of oil.

Under Chapter 81 the state contributed $15,400.00. The town appropriated $2,800.00. These amounts were used in their entirety for the general upkeep of the highways in town and the resurfacing of several miles with oil.

$1,500.00, $500.00 contributed by the state and $1,000.00 by the town was used to resurface sections of Ipswich Road under Chapter 90, maintenance.

All of the above funds were spent under the supervision of the state highway engineers.

A special $1,000.00 appropriation for the improvement of Baldpate Road was not entirely spent in 1955 because of changes in abutting owners and delay in getting a county layout. The unexpended balance is expected to be used in 1956.

Land Purchases

$30.00 was spent to purchase a small area of land adjacent to the Fire House in West Boxford in order to install a wider culvert at this point to improve the approach to the building.

$500.00 was used to purchase approximately ¼ acre in the rear of the Town Hall in Boxford Village.

Town Buildings

At the annual town meeting, it was voted to install indoor toilets in both Halls. Because of delay in getting bids for the work and the necessity of purchasing land adjacent

to the Town Hall for the purpose of installing a septic tank, the work did not get underway until late in the year. Now the work is completed in the Town Hall and nearing completion in Lincoln Hall. We wish to thank the Granges for their cooperation and financial assistance.

Perambulation

As required by law, Section 2-6 of Chapter 42 General Laws, the Selectmen have perambulated the boundaries with the various adjoining towns.

The Selectmen, in conjunction with the Police Department, recommended some traffic regulations which have been accepted by the state.

During the early part of 1955, work made necessary by the hurricanes of 1954 was continued until May 15, with special funds authorized by the State Hurricane Relief Board. Approximately all of this work was done by town labor with an expenditure of over $14,000.00, $13,764.22 of which has been reimbursed by the state.

In January, Mr. Arthur L. Emery was engaged to take the 1955 census. The result of this census made the population of Boxford 1,177.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1955

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector

Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$ 83,384.46	
Personal Property	11,843.28	
Poll	634.00	
Classified Forest Land	145.47	
		$ 96,007.21
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 7,072.98	
Personal Property	901.07	
Poll	6.00	
Classified Forest Land	33.25	
		$ 8,013.30
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1954	$ 2,807.52	
Levy of 1955	16,841.74	
		$ 19,649.26
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 18,347.88	
Chap. 90 Construction	4,500.00	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	500.00	
		$ 23,347.88
For Education:		
School Superintendent	$ 616.00	
Chap. 70, School Aid	9,426.69	
Tuition, State Wards	8.96	
Education and Transportation	7,792.50	
Vocational Education	381.91	
		$ 18,226.06
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$ 1,618.00	
Corporation Taxes	3,990.00	
Loss of Taxes	1,288.89	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	392.09	

Snow Removal	10.50	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Hurricane Relief	9,675.96	
School Lunch Program	1,425.24	
		$ 18,425.68
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 8,985.03	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	5,380.78	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,117.19	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,581.44	
Disability Assistance	117.40	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	376.18	
Veterans' Benefits	434.94	
		$ 17,992.96
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$ 4,779.15	
Dog License refund	324.17	
		$ 5,103.32
Trust and Investment Funds:		
J. T. Barker School Fund	$ 3,000.00	
Interest on School Funds	121.25	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	123.15	
West Parish	104.16	
		$ 3,348.56
Departmental Accounts:		
Forest Warden	$ 46.25	
Old Age Assistance	373.06	
Highway	176.48	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	19.25	
Public Welfare	926.57	
Appeal Board	148.00	
School	85.20	
		$ 1,774.81

Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$ 389.20	
Slaughter	1,000.00	
Building	444.00	
Junk	12.00	
Revolver	13.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	4.50	
Peddler	9.00	
Auctioneers	7.00	
Recreational Camp	2.50	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		$ 1,887.20
Unclassified:		
Sale of Street Lists	$ 5.50	
Interest on Taxes	305.40	
School Lunch Program	3,970.48	
School Stage Curtain Damage	151.93	
School Boiler Damage	504.98	
Withholding Tax Deductions	5,915.09	
Rent of Town Halls	172.00	
Rent of Morse House	146.00	
Sale of chairs, etc.	21.50	
Departmental refunds	172.36	
Use of telephones	117.40	
P. T. A.	192.50	
Hurricane Damage Claim	265.00	
		$ 11,940.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$225,716.38

EXPENDITURES FOR 1955

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,220.90
Board of Public Welfare	251.89
Assessors	1,563.33
Treasurer	406.95
Town Clerk	420.30
Accountant	1,694.22

Collector	1,515.90	
Registrars	70.62	
Elections	98.50	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	129.14	
Building Inspector	528.45	
Wire Inspector	714.00	
Finance Committee	10.00	
School House Committee	1,157.00	
Board of Health	937.22	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,175.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$ 12,443.42

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 31.04	
Dog Officer	69.50	
Police	1,850.27	
Forest Warden	2,000.00	
Fire Warden	1,594.85	
Tree Warden	1,497.38	
Moth Suppression	1,300.00	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	749.80	
		$ 9,092.84

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$ 370.86	
Disability Assistance	794.35	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	30.20	
Old Age Assistance	11,100.44	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	6,036.94	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,683.86	
Veterans' Benefits	393.49	
Old Age Assistance, Admin., U. S. Grant	111.99	
Aid to Dependent Children, Admin., U. S. Grant	89.01	
		$ 23,611.14

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$ 69,271.43	
J. T. Barker Fund	500.00	
Vocational Education	540.82	
School Lunch Program	5,885.34	
School Stage Curtain Damage	151.93	
School Boiler Damage	454.98	
P. T. A., Kitchen Equipment	192.50	
East Parish Library	585.23	
West Parish Library	566.25	
		$ 78,148.48

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 18,020.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, 1954	1,768.41	
Chap. 90 Construction, Depot Road	9,282.23	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,459.50	
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00	
Baldpate Road	446.76	
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,087.32	
Road Machinery Maintenance	969.27	
Street Lighting	712.82	
		$ 39,546.31

UNCLASSIFIED

Hurricane "Carol"	$ 6,017.39
Town Halls, 1954 Acct.	220.00
Town Halls	1,499.27
Toilets at Town Hall	2,000.00
Public Grounds	130.00
Insurance	5,000.03
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	223.05
Soldiers' Graves	200.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00

Boxford Villege Cemetery	200.00	
Clerical	160.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	5,915.09	
Town Reparts	490.00	
Civil Defense	374.07	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	35.45	
Essex Sanatorium	1,105.01	
Veterans' Service District	100.00	
State Parks and Reservations	169.24	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	799.46	
County Tax	3,969.68	
County Retirement System	1,560.68	
Morse House	10.04	
Community House	150.00	
Hills Land Purchase	500.00	
Bergstrom Land Purchase	30.00	
Census, 1955	100.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,014.40	
Real Estate Tax Refund	81.00	
Dog Licenses to County	315.80	
New School	28,908.81	
1953 Fire Dept. Telephone Bill	60.59	
Principal of Maturing Debt	7,000.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,987.50	
		$ 71,626.56
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$234,468.75

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash: General		$109,649.67
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1952:		
Real Estate		.05
Levy of 1953:		
Real Estate	$ 1,138.56	
Personal Property	61.20	
		1,199.76

Levy of 1954:		
Poll	2.00	
Real Estate	3,406.00	
Personal Property	763.50	
		4,171.50
Levy of 1955:		
Poll	62.00	
Real Estate	9,832.75	
Personal Property	1,370.25	
		11,265.00
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1954	19.71	
Levy of 1955	2,329.58	
		2,349.29
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1953	11.52	
Levy of 1954	30.75	
Levy of 1955	7.62	
		49.89
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	607.44	
Veterans' Services	83.50	
		690.94
Tax Titles		64.40
State and County Aid to Highways		17,672.97
Underestimates:		
County Tax		90.68
		$147,204.15

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$116,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds - Cash and Securities	$ 52,770.14

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1955

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Titles	$ 64.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,349.29	
Departmental Revenue	690.94	
Special Assessment Revenue	49.89	
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue	17,672.97	
		$ 20,827.49
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1952	$ .05	
Levy of 1953	1,199.76	
Levy of 1954	2,264.47	
Levy of 1955	2,867.05	
		6,331.33
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		8,134.29
Excess and Deficiency		101,360.31
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	.01	
Aid to Dependent Children	474.07	
Disability Assistance	544.15	
Old Age Assistance Administration	560.72	
		1,578.95
Appropriation Accounts:		
Goodwin Plans, 1954 Account	100.00	
School House Committee	20.63	
Chap. 90 Const., Depot Road	711.77	
Baldpate Road	553.24	
Town Halls, 1954 Account	1,092.87	
Toilets at Town Halls	1,500.00	
Civil Defense	107.24	
Baldpate Road Land Purchase	1.00	
		4,086.75
J. T. Barker Fund		3,552.13
School Lunch Program		207.82

Road Machinery Fund	1,002.64
Dog Licenses	77.00
New School	22.28
Overestimates:	
State Parks and Reservations	23.16
	$147,204.15

DEBT ACCOUNTS

New School Loan	$116,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$ 33,342.93	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	3,961.56	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,405.61	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,295.85	
Curtis & Killam Burial Lot Fund	271.27	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	992.92	
		$ 52,770.14

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1955

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 1,400.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$ 1,080.00	
Office supplies	121.90	
State and County Assoc. dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,220.90	
Balance to revenue	179.10	
	$ 1,400.00	$ 1,400.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$ 230.00	
Office expenses	21.89	
Total expenditures	$ 251.89	
Balance to revenue	48.11	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	$ 1,175.00	
Clerical	260.00	
Abstracts	44.68	
Office supplies	58.65	
Binding valuation books	16.00	
State and County Assoc., dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,563.33	
Balance to revenue	36.67	
	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 475.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 300.00	
Bond	73.00	
Office supplies	27.55	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.40	
State Assoc., dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 406.95	
Balance to revenue	68.05	
	$ 475.00	$ 475.00

1955 Census

Balance from 1954		$ 100.00
Census enumerator	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$ 450.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 220.25	
Bond	5.00	
Printing	172.69	
Office expense	14.86	
State Assoc., dues	7.50	
Total expenditures	$ 420.30	
Balance to revenue	29.70	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Collector

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Salary, Collector	$ 1,200.00	
Bonds	143.00	
Office expense	170.90	
State Assoc., dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,515.90	
Balance to revenue	84.10	
	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Salary, Accountant	$ 1,350.00	
Office supplies	226.22	
Printing and binding	118.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,694.22	
Balance to revenue	5.78	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$ 100.00
State Assoc., dues	$ 10.00	
Total expenditures	$ 10.00	
Balance to revenue	90.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 45.00	
Office expense	25.62	
Total expenditures	$ 70.62	
Balance to revenue	29.38	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Elections

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Services, Town Clerk	$ 12.50	
Printing and supplies	86.00	
Total expenditures	$ 98.50	
Balance to revenue	1.50	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Advertising	$ 120.14	
Office supplies	9.00	
Total expenditures	$ 129.14	
Balance to revenue	20.86	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$ 25.00
Balance to revenue	$ 25.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer from Reserve		28.45
Services, Building Inspector	$ 500.00	
Office expense	28.45	
Total expenditures	$ 528.45	$ 528.45

Wire Inspector

Appropriations		$ 700.00
Transfer from Reserve		14.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$ 450.00	
Megger Ground Tester	202.50	
Office expense	61.50	
Total expenditures	$ 714.00	$ 714.00

School House Committee

Balance from 1954		$ 1,177.63
Furnishings for new school	$ 1,157.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,157.00	
Balance to 1956	20.63	
	$ 1,177.63	$ 1,177.63

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$ 1,150.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$ 170.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	100.00	
Survey of Dump	233.00	
Maintenance of Dump	165.00	
Hospitalization	227.50	
Ambulance	34.50	
Office supplies	3.12	
Rubbish collection	3.60	
Total expenditures	$ 937.22	
Balance to revenue	212.78	
	$ 1,150.00	$ 1,150.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$ 1,175.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,175.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Labor	$ 808.76	
Use of cars	389.80	
Signs	336.60	
Equipment	121.88	
Telephone	118.23	
Insurance	75.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,850.27	
Balance to revenue	149.73	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$ 60.00
Refund, Essex County		13.50
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 50.00	
Board and disposal of stray dags	19.50	
Total expenditures	$ 69.50	
Balance to revenue	4.00	
	$ 73.50	$ 73.50

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 35.00
Salary, Sealer	$ 25.00	
Office supplies	6.04	
Total expenditures	$ 31.04	
Balance to revenue	3.96	
	$ 35.00	$ 35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		94.85
Labor	$ 110.75	
Janitor service	250.00	
Equipment	185.08	
Repairs	358.67	
Supplies	52.41	
Telephone	516.93	
Fuel	114.51	
Assoc. dues and subscription	6.50	
Total expenditures	$ 1,594.85	$ 1,594.85

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$ 200.00	
Labor	591.75	
Janitor service	50.00	
Telephones	262.75	
Equipment	570.00	
Repairs	217.60	
Fuel	70.63	
Supplies	37.27	
Total expenditures	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Labor	$ 1,186.63	
Trucks	199.75	
Tractor	47.00	

Power saws	55.00	
Supplies	4.00	
Association dues	5.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,497.38	
Balance to revenue	2.62	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Labor	$ 89.00	
Spraying	235.88	
Topping elms	960.12	
Transportation of supplies	15.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		$ 750.00
Labor	$ 362.50	
Trucks	46.75	
Power saws	112.50	
Sky Worker	155.25	
Spray rig	72.80	
Total expenditures	$ 749.80	
Balance to revenue	.20	
	$ 750.00	$ 750.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Medical	$ 225.00	
Fuel	23.90	
Groceries	9.96	
Nursing service	22.00	
Other cities and town	90.00	

Total expenditures	$ 370.86	
Balance to revenue	629.14	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Refunds		104.69
Transfer from Reserve Fund		995.75
Cash	$10,685.41	
Other cities and towns	415.03	
Total expenditures	$11,100.44	$11,100.44

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1954		$ 602.00
Federal Grants		5,380.78
Refund		54.17
Cash	$ 5,830.18	
Other cities and towns	206.76	
Total expenditures	$ 6,036.94	
Balance to 1956	.01	
	$ 6,036.95	$ 6,036.95

Aid To Dependent Children

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Cash	$ 3,000.00	
Total expenditures	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Aid To Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1954		$ 576.49
Federal Grants		1,581.44
Cash	$ 1,683.86	
Balance to 1956	474.07	
	$ 2,157.93	$ 2,157.93

Old Age Assistance Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1954		$ 672.71
Welfare District	$ 111.99	
Balance to 1956	560.72	
	$ 672.71	$ 672.71

Aid To Dependent Children Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1954		$ 89.01
Welfare District	$ 89.01	
	$ 89.01	$ 89.01

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Cash	$ 794.35	
Balance to revenue	205.65	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1954		$ 198.57
Federal Grants		376.18
Cash	$ 30.20	
Audit adjustment	.40	
Balance to 1956	544.15	
	$ 574.75	$ 574.75

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Cash	$ 372.00	
Medical	21.49	
Total expenditures	$ 393.49	
Balance to revenue	606.51	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges - Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Labor	$ 154.50	
Trucks	4.50	

Bulldozer	33.00	
Trailer	22.50	
Tractor	5.00	
Sand and salt	444.23	
Pipe	133.67	
Tools	2.60	
Total expenditures	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

Chapter 90 - Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$ 272.25	
Trucks	100.50	
Tractor	25.50	
Sand	234.63	
Oil	826.62	
Use of Town Tools	40.50	
Total expenditures	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Chapter 81 - Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 2,800.00
State allotment		15,400.00
Labor	$ 7,815.75	
Trucks	1,879.50	
Shovel	451.20	
Grader	426.25	
Bulldozer	88.00	
Tractor	124.75	
Power saws	10.00	
Sand and gravel	1,648.42	
Oil	5,172.14	
Pipe	385.61	
Paint	12.18	
Posts	6.20	
Use of Town Tools	180.00	
Total expenditures	$18,200.00	$18,200.00

Baldpate Road

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Labor	$ 51.00	
Trucks	101.00	
Shovel	76.80	
Grader	45.00	
Sand and gravel	45.60	
Oil	127.36	
Total expenditures	$ 446.76	
Balance to 1956	553.24	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Chapter 90 - Construction, Depot Road, 1954

Balance from 1954		$ 1,782.66
Labor	$ 762.00	
Trucks	225.00	
Tractor	15.00	
Sand	262.62	
Oil	503.79	
Use of Town Tools	14.25	
Total expenditures	$ 1,782.66	$ 1,782.66

Chapter 90 - Construction, Depot Road

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
State allotment		5,000.00
County allotment		2,500.00
Labor	$ 3,183.50	
Trucks	1,142.00	
Shovel	1,814.40	
Bulldozer	446.00	
Grader	405.00	
Pipe	589.96	
Sand and gravel	464.99	
Oil	365.10	
Power saws	45.00	

Concrete	274.50	
Mason	360.33	
Hardware and lumber	191.45	
Use of Town Tools	6.00	
Total expenditures	$ 9,288.23	
Balance to 1956	711.77	
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$ 6,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		328.32
Labor	$ 2,527.25	
Trucks	744.50	
Trucks and plows	582.50	
Sander	214.50	
Tractor	338.25	
Repairs	406.86	
Sand and salt	1,273.46	
Use of Town Tools	241.00	
Total expenditures	$ 6,328.32	$ 6,328.32

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		500.00
Labor	$ 218.50	
Gasoline and oil	185.22	
Repairs	435.44	
Light	15.60	
Tools	99.51	
Storage	15.00	
Total expenditures	$ 969.27	
Balance to Rd. Mchy. Fund	30.73	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 775.00
Street Lights	$ 712.82	
Balance to revenue	62.18	
	$ 775.00	$ 775.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$69,297.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
School Teachers	$25,683.12	
Substitutes	383.00	
Supervisors	1,652.82	
Superintendence:		
Salary	1,237.48	
Clerk	420.46	
Expense	206.14	
Health:		
Nurse	350.00	
Physician	325.00	
Supplies	15.37	
Tuition	15,839.88	
Transportation	10,776.97	
Equipment	661.57	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,735.00	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee expense	84.15	
Books	1,253.35	
Supplies	1,238.47	
Fuel	2,822.20	
Light	1,146.02	
Telephones	232.31	
Repairs	1,122.56	
Insurance	1,200.00	
Janitors' supplies	464.39	
Advertising	97.62	

Grounds	256.75	
Rubbish collection	46.80	
Total expenditures	$69,271.43	
Balance to revenue	25.57	
	$69,297.00	$69,297.00

School Boiler Damage

Insurance claim		$ 504.98
Repairs	$ 454.98	
Balance to revenue	50.00	
	$ 504.98	$ 504.98

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1954		$ 1,052.13
Interest received from Trustees		3,000.00
Tuition, Andover	$ 500.00	
Balance to 1956	3,552.13	
	$ 4,052.13	$ 4,052.13

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Tuition	$ 453.52	
Transportation	87.30	
Total expenditures	$ 540.82	
Balance to revenue	59.18	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1954	$ 397.44
Appropriation	300.00
State Grants	1,425.24
Cash	3,970.48

Salaries	$ 1,456.00	
Food	4,429.34	
Total expenditures	$ 5,885.34	
Balance to 1956	207.82	
	$ 6,093.16	$ 6,093.16

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		162.08
Interest from Library Funds		123.15
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 585.23	
	$ 585.23	$ 585.23

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		162.09
Interest from Library Funds		104.16
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 566.25	
	$ 566.25	$ 566.25

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Janitors	$ 294.76	
Fuel	384.95	
Light	152.98	
Telephone	212.98	
Repairs	444.89	
Supplies	8.71	
Total expenditures	$ 1,499.27	
Balance to revenue	.73	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Town Halls - 1954 Account

Balance from 1954		$ 1,312.87
Chairs	$ 220.00	
Balance to 1956	1,092.87	
	$ 1,312.87	$ 1,312.87

Toilets at Town Hall

Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Town Hall Contract	$ 2,000.00	
Balance to 1956	1,500.00	
	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Care of Public Grounds	$ 130.00	
Balance to revenue	120.00	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Labor	$ 127.50	
Power saw	72.50	
Total expenditures	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Morse House

Transfer from Memorial Day		$ 26.95
Repairs	$ 10.04	
Balance to revenue	16.91	
	$ 26.95	$ 26.95

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$ 225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$ 100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$ 200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 225.00	$ 225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Maintenance	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Band	$ 150.00	
Flags	48.35	
Refreshments	11.20	
Flowers	9.00	
Rope and ammunition	4.50	
Total expenditures	$ 223.05	
Transfer to Morse House	26.95	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Clerical	$ 160.00	
Balance to revenue	140.00	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Town reports	$ 490.00	
Balance to revenue	10.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1954		$ 36.31
Appropriation		445.00
Fire	$ 82.02	
Communications	274.55	
Health	17.50	
Total expenditures	$ 374.07	
Balance to 1956	107.24	
	$ 481.31	$ 481.31

Community House

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Heat	$ 123.32	
Light	28.04	
Repairs	11.64	
Total expenditures	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Chap. 90 petition expense	$ 5.00	
No. Andover celebration expense	7.20	
Recording deeds	10.25	
Community House heat	13.00	
Total expenditures	$ 35.45	
Balance to revenue	464.55	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Interest and Amortization of School Loan

Appropriation		$10,100.00
Interest	$ 2,987.50	
Payment on Principal	7,000.00	
Total expenditures	$ 9,987.50	
Balance to revenue	112.50	
	$10,100.00	$10,100.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$ 2,000.00
Total transfers	$ 1,961.37	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	38.63	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 6,300.00
Compensation	$ 1,456.88	
Liability	1,957.95	
Fire	1,315.90	
Automobile	55.37	
Monies and securities	62.50	
Honor Roll	16.68	
Fire Department	134.75	
Total expenditures	$ 5,000.03	
Balance to revenue	1,299.97	
	$ 6,300.00	$ 6,300.00

Respectfully submitted

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1955 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1955		$118,402.04
S. S. Pearl, Collector	$123,975.17	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	23,347.88	
Education	18,226.06	
Taxes	16,964.94	
Old Age Assist., grants	14,365.81	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants	2,698.63	
Disability Assist., grants	493.58	
Veterans' Benefits	434.94	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 and 133	10.50	
School Lunch Program	1,425.24	
County of Essex:		
Highways	4,779.15	
Dog License refund	324.17	
Trust Funds, income	3,348.56	
Departmental receipts	1,774.81	
Licenses and permits	1,887.20	
Income from town property	318.00	
Withholding Tax account	5,915.09	
Departmental refunds	172.36	
School Lunch Program	3,970.48	
P. T. A., Kitchen Equipment	192.50	
Hurricane damage claim	265.00	
Insurance claims—School	656.91	
Telephone refunds	117.40	
Miscellaneous	27.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$225,716.38
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		234,468.75
Balance December 31, 1955		$109,649.67

For a more detailed statement of Receipt sand Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $6,500.00.

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$ 6,500.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 6,378.39
Interest for the year 1955	192.78
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 6,571.17

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 119.89
Interest for the year 1955	2.85
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 122.74
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$12,348.22
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	265.32
Savings Bank Interest for 1955	387.57
Balance, Jan. 1, 1956	$13,001.11
Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618	
Amount of bonds called in, minus charge	$ 7,147.91

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds was deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,636.65
Interest for the year 1955	49.46
Balance, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,686.11
Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,203.27
Interest for the year 1955	72.18
Balance, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 2,275.45

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,234.00
Interest for the year 1955	61.85
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 2,295.85

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 263.31
Interest for the year 1955	7.96
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 271.27

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 2,000.00
Interest for the year 1955	75.92
	$ 2,075.92
Withdrawn	75.92
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 2,000.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1955	47.23
	$ 1,547.23
Withdrawn	47.23
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,500.00

Interest for the year 1955	56.93
	$ 1,556.93
Withdrawn	56.93
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1955	47.23
	$ 1,547.23
Withdrawn	47.23
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,364.39
Interest for the year 1955	41.22
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,405.61

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1955	$ 963.80
Interest for the year 1955	29.12
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 992.92

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1955

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank Book No. 5501	2,000.00

Salem Savings Bank Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 31.25
Danvers Savings Bank	60.00
Salem Savings Bank	30.00
Total	$ 121.25

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

HARRY E. TRASK

Committee on School Funds.

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST

Treasurer.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 12, 1953

TO APRIL 9, 1955

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

June 16, 1955

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Bureau of Accounts
State House, Boston 33, Mass.

June 16, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman
Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from August 12, 1953 to April 9, 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Asssitant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

HBD:BAB

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from August 12, 1953, the date of the previous audit, to April 9, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting money or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked for the period of the audit.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts and payments being checked with the treasurer's books. The appropriations and transfers voted by the town were checked with the town clerk's record of town meetings, and the transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the finance committee's records. A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town as of April 9, 1955, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the department collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on April 9, 1955 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were checked with amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody

of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were examined and listed. The income was proved, the transfers to the town were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the cash balance of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes were examined. The payments to the Director of Internal Revenue were verified, and the unpaid balances were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger account.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the tax collector's records, and the tax title deeds, as listed, were checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The assessors' warrants for the commitment of taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special taxes were examined and checked with the detailed lists. The assessors' records of abatements granted were reconciled with the collector's books and with the accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special taxes outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection.

The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements as entered were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were reconciled with the records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention is called to the past due taxes shown on the balance sheet, and it is urged that a prompt settlement be obtained of all taxes of prior years.

The records of dog and sporting licenses issued by the town clerk were examined and checked, and the recorded payments to the town and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified. The town clerk's cash balance on April 9, 1955 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, and of receipts by the sealer of weights and measures, the building inspector, the board of appeals, and the school department, as well as by all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, special tax, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

WS:BAB

Assistant Director of Accounts.

Town of Boxford—BALANCE SHEET—April 9, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General		$ 84,663.82
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1951:		
Poll	$2.00	
Levy of 1952:		
Personal Property	43.88	
Real Estate	711.51	
Levy of 1953:		
Poll	10.00	
Personal Property	380.01	
Real Estate	2,101.44	
Levy of 1954:		
Poll	26.00	
Personal Property	1,261.00	
Real Estate	6,141.50	
		$ 10,677.34
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1953	$99.40	
Levy of 1954	438.39	
Levy of 1955	6,067.85	
		$ 6,605.64
Special Taxes:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1953	$11.52	
Levy of 1954	60.50	
		$ 72.02
Tax Titles		64.40
Departmental:		
Disability Assistance	$2.55	
Aid to Dependent Children	646.98	

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes		$ 633.45
Agency:		
County—Dog Licenses		24.20
Trust Fund Income:		
Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund		1,052.13
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Assistance	$228.07	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration	89.01	
Aid	475.04	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	672.71	
Assistance	159.97	
		1,624.80
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch		1,260.63
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General		149,060.88
Overestimates 1954 Assessments:		
State:		
Recreation Areas	$.86	
County:		
Tax	30.61	
		31.47
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Road Machinery		685.16
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		6,094.73
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1951	$2.00	

Veterans' Services	409.20	
		$ 1,058.73
Aid to Highways:		
State	$766.32	
County	383.16	
		$ 1,149.48
Revenue 1955:		
Appropriations Voted	$149,797.59	
County Hospital Assessment Paid	1,105.01	
County Retirement System Assessment Paid	1,560.68	
	$152,463.28	
Less:		
Estimated Receipts Collected	—5,484.95	
		$146,978.33
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		
Underestimates 1954:		
State Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Assessment		263.45
Hurricane Emergency:		
Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws		8,483.58
		$260,016.79

Levy of 1952	755.39	
Levy of 1953	2,491.45	
Levy of 1954	2,286.47	
		5,535.31
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$6,605.64	
Special Tax	72.02	
Tax Title	64.40	
Departmental	1,058.73	
Aid to Highway	1,149.48	
		8,950.27
Surplus Revenue		85,063.76
		$260,016.79

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Outside Debt Limit:	
General	$123,000.00

Serial Loan:	
Outside Debt Limit:	
General:	
School Construction	$123,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities:		Welfare Funds:	
In Custody of Treasurer	$ 52,076.57	Town Farm	$ 32,863.03
In Custody of Trustees	28,373.22	Sarah P. Perley	2,234.00
		Visiting Nurse Association	963.80
		School Fund	4,000.00
		Library Funds:	
		East Parish	3,527.50
		East Parish—Cote	1,364.39
		West Parish	3,020.62
		Cemetery:	
		Curtis-Killam	263.31
		Investment Fund:	
		Post-War Rehabilitation	3,839.92
		In Custody of Trustees:	
		Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund	28,373.22
	$ 80,449.79		$ 80,449.79

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Archibald L. Trull, Chairman — Term expires 1956
Georgetown Road, Boxford — Tel. Tucker 7-2790

John S. Haywood, Secretary — Term expires 1957
Ipswich Road, Boxford — Tel. Tucker 7-2895

Laurence Frizzell — Term expires 1958
Main Street, West Boxford — Tel. Drake 2-7363

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
William D. Johnson
Jackson Way, Georgetown — Tel. Fleetwood 2-3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN
L. H. Bennett, M. D.
Topsfield, Mass. — Tel. Tucker 7-2261

SCHOOL NURSE
Miss Ruth Barnard, R. N.
Topsfield, Mass.

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE
Archer French — Clayton Nelson
Boxford, Mass. — West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade*
John B. Branch	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Gladys MacPherson	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Helen Chadwick	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Lelia Millay	Harry Lee Cole	1, 2
Evelyn Wilson	Aaron Wood	4
Ruth Morin	Aaron Wood	5
Dorothy Carver	Gardner Morse	1, 2
Bernice Billewicz	Gardner Morse	3
Gretchen Sanderson	Art Supervisor	
Marcia Tatarunis	Music Supervisor	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The past year has been one of further progress in the Boxford schools, the most notable achievement being the greater cooperation among teachers, pupils and parents. A large factor in this development has been the adjustment to full use of the new school facilities and a better understanding of individual responsibilities.

A hot lunch program was started early in the year under the management of one paid employee. Thanks to the assistance of the Parent Teacher Association, which provided volunteer help of interested mothers and friends for the first few months of operation, the lunch program got off to a good start. By Spring we were in a position to employ a permanent assistant and thus eliminate the volunteer help. The operation is running smoothly and paying for itself. We find considerable enthusiasm among parents, teachers and pupils, and know that all pupils participating are receiving good, nourishing food, attractively served at a very modest price.

At the opening of school in September, we were able to arrange the bus routes and schedules so as to further lengthen the school day, thus giving more time for classroom work.

The athletic program has been continued and participated in by both boys and girls. Less emphasis, however, has been placed on competition with outside schools, our ruling being that more time should be given to teaching the fundamentals of various games to as many boys and girls as possible through intramural play. We continue to believe that the teaching of good sportsmanship is most important.

During the Summer, with the assistance of volunteer help from some of the men in Town, we were able to level and seed the athletic field. It is hoped that a baseball diamond of suitable size will be ready for use in the Spring of 1956.

Some landscaping was also done during the year, with the result that the appearance of the school grounds was greatly improved. Further work is planned for next Spring.

Late in the year we installed a number of lights outside the Aaron Wood and Harry Lee Cole Schools, so that the driveway and parking areas are now well lighted for any school or town functions being held in the all-purpose room at night.

Two new teachers joined our staff in September, replacing two who resigned. Mrs. Helen Chadwick is a departmental teacher in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades and Mrs. Evelyn Wilson has taken over the fourth grade.

Attention has been given to the maintenance of all school property, and repairs were made as required. Plans have been made to paint the Aaron Wood School inside and outside during 1956 and the Gardner Morse School the following year.

As Boxford continues to grow it is natural that school enrolment will also increase each year. We feel that the time is not far distant when there will be need for the undeveloped area of the Harry Lee Cole School to be converted to two classrooms.

The High School problem will also require serious consideration in the next few years. Tuitioning costs at the schools which our pupils attend are increasing each year. The time will come, we believe, when we will find it is less expensive and more satisfactory to be part of a Regional High School District. Such a move would rid us of the uncertainty which always accompanies any plan for tuitioning pupils in another town. One member of your School Committee and two other citizens of Boxford have been studying this subject, since the last annual town meeting, with similar groups from surrounding towns. It is expected that a report of this study will be made at the annual meeting in March 1956.

You will note a further substantial increase in the

school department budget for 1956, the largest single increase being in tuition costs that we pay to other towns and over which, of course, we have no control. There are smaller increases in other categories, but these must be expected as our school enrolment grows.

We join in expressing our gratitude to all individuals and groups who, by their interest and cooperation, have contributed much to the development of our fine school system.

ARCHIBALD L. TRULL, Chairman
J. STUART HAYWOOD, Secretary
LAURENCE D. FRIZZELL
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The enrolment of the Boxford schools continues to increase. On October 1, 1955 the total enrolment of our elementary schools was 192 or 16 greater than on the same date in 1954. During the same year the number of pupils attending high school as Boxford pupils increased from 48 to 54. Enrolment in September 1956 may be expected to increase due to additional homes being occupied, even though our largest elementary class will graduate in June 1956.

In September 1956 at least 30 pupils will enter the first grade with 20 of the pupils from the Boxford Village area of the town. If we continue the practice of dual grades in each end of the town and retain the same dividing lines we would have at least 35 in the dual grade room at the Cole School and about 20 at West Boxford. I do not believe the continuance of this dual grade organization is to the advantage of the boys and girls and recommend that it be eliminated at the close of the present school year. With one first grade class and another second grade class, the teaching load would be equalized and each teacher would be better

able to meet the individual needs of her pupils through having more time to devote to each area within her class groups.

Since there are thirty-five pupils presently in our eighth grade and but eight Boxford pupils who will graduate from high school in June, our high school enrolment will show a very decided increase in September 1956, with even greater increases in tuition charges because of increased rates.

The educational standards of our schools remain on a high level. Academic progress remains a fundamental objective of our educational system with social and civic development through participation in our activity program an added by-product. The record of our boys and girls in the various high schools should be adequate evidence of the quality of our schools.

A school system today, as ever, is what we make it. Well trained teachers with interest in youth, the desire to help youth, and the energy and enthusiasm to make effective their knowledge and ability are prime essentials of a good school system. Boxford teachers, I am sure, are a very capable group and do use their capabilities to capacity in the best interest of the boys and girls.

The retention of capable teachers is very important to the successful operation of a school system. Increasing salaries in the teaching profession result from the inadequate supply of qualified teacher candidates and increasing school enrolment. We must keep our teacher salaries in line with current salary practices elsewhere if we are to retain competent teachers. I am sure that the people of Boxford want competent teachers and expect to pay the price to retain them.

In closing this report, I express to my fellow workers in the school department, the town officials and citizens my appreciation for their continued cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending December 31, 1955.

With the purchase of new books for grades five and eight, we have now completed, throughout the grades, a series of music books that give the child the necessary rudiments of music reading while singing songs he most enjoys.

A good school music book is one which contains a maximum number of songs above the average, and at the same time presents a variety of melodic and rhythmic outline between the songs and a variety of meters and keys.

Almost all of these important factors are found in the song selections of our current music books, these songs dealing throughout with the language vocabulary and immediate interest and experiences of the particular grade.

Because of the lack of a good phonograph, our listening program has been, unfortunately, limited. Two portable, three-speed phonographs, one for each side of town, are essential, if we want to build any kind of a good listening program. I recommend the portable phonograph, as this type may be readily carried from one classroom to another.

In June, a successful presentation of the three act operetta, "Gypsy Rover", was staged by grades six, seven and eight, followed by eighth grade graduation exercises. This proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement for all concerned.

For the cooperation given me by you and the teachers in Boxford, I am very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) MARCIA TATARUNIS,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the second year ending December 31, 1955.

The Art Program in the Town of Boxford during the first half of the second year has been very encouraging. The program continues to try and develop the everyday skills and appreciation in the art field that will be of value to the children so that they in turn may build a resource from which to draw from in later years.

The classes are visited once a week from grades one through eight. The length of time varies from half an hour in the lower grades to forty-five minutes in the upper grades. Theory in the art principles is carried through in the room displays, corridor and show case arrangements. Classroom studies are integrated with the art program and here the teachers have been very cooperative; in turn, I have been interested in meeting their particular needs in any project.

The art lesson is not merely minutes of play to amuse the child but rather a serious theory underlying it, presented in such a way as to captivate the childs' interest and imagination through experiences in composition, perspective, lettering, realism, figure drawing, color theory, watercolor technique; novelty activities such as foil design, crepe paper ornaments and wet chalk.

A comment here on the art grades shown on the report cards might be timely. The letter, "S", is designated as Satisfactory. In a well rounded art program a child can hardly fail due to the variety of media involved. However, this year those who really strive for progress in art will receive encouragement through added "plus" signs. The "S" grade, in this way, does not compete with the scholastic standing of the pupil in his other marks.

May I at this time express warm appreciation to all

the teachers in both East Boxford and West Boxford and Mr. Branch for their helpfulness and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) GRETCHEN S. SANDERSON,
Supervisor of Art.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE AND PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

We hereby submit our report as School Nurse and School Physician for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Physical examinations for the first, fourth and seventh grades were completed early in the school year. All children with defects were given notices, with recommendations for correction, to convey to their parents. Poor dentition was found to be the most common physical defect noted. This has been the case for many years, suggesting that parents are not taking interest in their childrens' teeth early enough.

A pre-school clinic was held in May at the Harry Cole School with a large attendance from East and West Boxford.

The Boosters of Diptheria-Tetanus antitoxin were given in the Spring of 1954 to 77 children.

The first Salk inoculations were given to first and second grade students in June 1955.

During November 1955, all pupils were given individual ear and eye examinations. Five children were found with vision below normal and after referrals to private physicians, all received treatment. One case of defective hearing is being treated by a private physician.

We wish to thank the school personnel for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R. N.
School Nurse.

L. H. BENNETT, M. D.
School Physician

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Sophia Cronis
Kurt Waring

Juniors

Kay Galloway
Susan Godfrey
Priscilla Owen

Sophomores

Scott Nolan
Judy Melzard
Sandra Nolan

Freshmen

Bruce Godfrey
Deborah Munsell
Jon Haywood
Anne Perkins
Joyce Lenfesty
David Trask
Virginia Durkee

Elementary

Orden Owen
Judith Owen

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING

PUNCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Mary Alice Baer
Sally Harris
Marjorie Gould
Sara Paisley

Juniors

James Butler
Davida Morin
Robert Millay
Stuart Troop

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING

NORTH ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

William Greenler
George Hopping

Juniors

Gloria Berube
William Hartwell
Kathleen Greenler
Brenda Spofford
Herbert Whittemore

Sophomores

Constance Blake
Edward Colby
Leonard Despres
George Emery
Judith French
Patricia Gamans
Michael Greenler
Kimball Harris
Robert Hoogerzeil
Charles Mattraw
Richard Pinkham
Robert Richardson

Freshmen

Eric Bergstrom
Charles Campbell
Alice Fowler
Janet French
Elizabeth Hartwell
Sarah Lord
Allan MacQueen
William Paulson
Peter Perkins
Helen Phillips
William Shappell
Linda Smith

HARRY LEE COLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

June 15, 1955

Eric Putnam Bergstrom
Charles Anthony Campbell, Jr.
Alice Lucilla Fowler
Janet Elizabeth French
Bruce Armstrong Godfrey
Elizabeth Anne Hartwell
Jon Vanderford Haywood
William Clark Shappell
Joyce Elizabeth Lenfestey
Sarah Peabody Lord
Deborah Ann Munsell
William Howard Paulson
Anne Johnson Perkins
Peter Cole Perkins
Helen Louise Phillips
Linda Norma Smith
David Everett Trask

Diplomas presented by J. Stuart Haywood, Secretary, School Committee.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1955
HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	4	9	—	—	—	5	14	13	45
Girls	10	7	—	—	—	10	9	21	57
	14	16	—	—	—	15	23	34	102

AARON WOOD

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	—	—	—	12	11	—	—	—	23
Girls	—	—	—	13	9	—	—	—	22
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	25	20	—	—	—	45

GARDNER MORSE

Boys	6	5	13	—	—	—	—	—	24
Girls	3	3	15	—	—	—	—	—	21
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	9	8	28	—	—	—	—	—	45

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16 or over	Totals
Boys	27	106	7	140
Girls	21	113	9	143
	—	—	—	—
	48	219	16	283

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1956

ADMINISTRATION:		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 1,584.00	
Superintendent's Transp.	204.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	650.00	
Supervisors of Attendance	20.00	
School Committee Expense	100.00	
		2,558.00
INSTRUCTIONAL:		
Teachers' Salaries	27,650.00	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,642.00	
Substitutes	400.00	
Books	800.00	
Supplies	1,200.00	
Supervisors' Expense	100.00	
Libraries	250.00	
		$32,042.00

OPERATIONAL:

Janitors' Salaries	2,400.00	
Fuel	2,600.00	
Electricity	850.00	
Janitor Supplies	350.00	
Telephones	190.00	
		6,390.00

HEALTH:

Physician	300.00	
Nurse	400.00	
Supplies	25.00	
		725.00
Tuition	23,630.00	
Transportation	11,700.00	
Maintenance	2,000.00	
Insurance	1,200.00	
Equipment	680.00	
Graduation	75.00	
Physical Education	350.00	
		39,635.00
TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS		$81,350.00

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1956

Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$10,153.34	
Superintendent of Schools	849.34	
Transportation	10,100.00	
		21,102.68
NET COST OF SCHOOLS		$60,247.32

VOCATIONAL	$ 300.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

With the newly-formed Taxpayers' Association, more of an active interest on the part of public-spirited citizens is expected in town government. A recent, well-publicized open meeting for a review of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1956, with most of the department heads present, was held at the Town Hall. As in the past, the citizenry remained apathetic, with the result that about eighteen taxpayers appeared. It is difficult to understand such an attitude, particularly with the cost of government ever increasing.

The question of a Regional High School is once again facing us. It would now appear that this issue must be squarely met, as towns accommodating our pupils in grades nine through twelve have definite space and other problems, and will no longer be able to continue in this regard. All taxpayers, especially parents, should interest themselves directly with the work of the committee studying this problem. As we develop and grow so must our schools, despite increased costs.

Respectfully submitted,

DIMON LOCKWOOD

J. GAINES BOLTON, Secretary

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR., Chairman

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Harry L. Cole School, Boxford, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to

borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 9. To appropriate $251.51 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take relative to the improvement of the Town Dump and raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 or other proper sum for such purpose; and to take such action as may be deemed necessary in regards assigning jurisdiction and control of the Town Dump property to the Town Forest Committee or Board of Health or both.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 or other proper sum for the purchase and garaging of a police cruiser and ambulance.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a portion of Sunrise Road.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Hemlock Road.

Article 15. To see what action the Town may take relative to acquiring or accepting as a public way a portion of the MacQueen property on Ipswich Road.

Article 16. To see what action the Town will take relative to the improvement of Bald Hill Road from Middleton Road to the land of the Bald Hill Trust, and raise and appropriate any necessary sum therefor, and authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the owners of the Bald Hill Trust property relative to the payment or reimbursement for the cost thereof.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $25,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Depot Road and Pond Street in Boxford and $1,000.00 for the improvement of Washington Street in West Boxford; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 19. To see what action the Town may take relative to enacting a by-law to control the operation of motor-boats and outboard motors, and rescinding the vote recently taken in regard thereto.

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Tuesday, March 6th next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Selectman for three years, Town Clerk for three years, Assessor of Taxes for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one mem-

ber of the Board of Health for three years, Collector of Taxes for one year, Constable, East Parish, one year, Constable, West Parish, one year, Highway Surveyor, East Parish, one year, Highway Surveyor, West Parish, one year, Tree Warden, one year, two members of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON, AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Selectmen of Boxford.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Boxford

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1956

BOYD-JAMES PRESS INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

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Together With the

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for the

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1957
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1958
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1959

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1957
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1958
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1959

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1958

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1959
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1959

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Laurence D. Frizzell	Term expires 1957
John Stuart Haywood	Term expires 1958
Richard Bowler, Jr.	Term expires 1959

BOARD OF HEALTH

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1957
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1958
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1959

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. — Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst — Harry E. Trask

Richard P. Chadwick

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1959

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster
Curtis A. Kimball

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French
Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1957
Charles P. A. Nelson	Term expires 1958
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1959
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960
William E. Dorman	Term expires 1960
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1961
Warren R. Godfrey	Term expires 1961

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1957
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1958
Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1959

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John G. Bolton	Term expires 1957
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1958
Charles Rich	Term expires 1959

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1957
Richard P. Chadwick	Term expires 1958
Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1959

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1959
Richard A. Spofford	Term expires 1960

SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French	Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.
Chester A. Leighton	Charles Getchell
E. Preston Gould	Henry W. Nason
Cecil Farnsworth	Earle Blake

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest M. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1955 census), 1177.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is Charles S. Marston, 3rd, 309 E. Broadway, Haverhill, Mass.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 13 Forest Street, Danvers, Mass.

The Building Inspector is Henry W. Nason, Washington Street, West Boxford. Telephone — Haverhill, DRake 2-2320.

The Wire Inspector is Herbert W. Sperry, Main Street, West Boxford. Telephone — Haverhill, DRake 2-7649.

The Sanitary Engineer is Tracy I. Flagg, 111 Collins Street, Danvers. Telephone (evenings) — SPring 4-4979.

LIST OF JURORS — 1956-1957

Cassino, Harold L., retired, Elm Street, Boxford.
Chadwick, Everett H., vegetable specialist, Main Street, West Boxford.

Childs, Vernon A., insurance broker, Elm Street, Boxford.
Cochrane, Frederick E., caretaker, Washington Street, West Boxford.

Gould, Frank M., reitred, Middleton Road, Boxford.
Gould, George Arthur, accountant, Topsfield Road, Boxford.
Gray, James P., poultryman, Georgetown Road, Boxford.
Leighton, Chester A., machinist, Washington Street, West Boxford.

Pearl, Raymond, farmer, Main Street, West Boxford.
Spofford, Richard A., "setter-up," Main Street, West Boxford.
Thomas, Catherine, housewife, Baldpate Road, Boxford.
Wheeler, Beatrice B., office executive, Washington Street, West Boxford.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on March 5, 1956 for their annual Town Meeting with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding as moderator.

Rev. Charles Atkins opened the meeting with a short prayer.

The action taken was as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report. Prof. Franklin C. Roberts gave a report on the work of the Regional High School Committee in its negotiations with Middleton and Topsfield.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the budget as printed.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $500 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chap. 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to continue same compensation for labor in the several departments as in 1955.

Article 8. Voted to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate $251.51 refunded from the county on account of dog licenses to be divided equally between the two libraries.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the improvement of the Town Dump.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 for the purchase and garaging of a police cruiser and ambulance. The vote was 101 yes, 8 no.

Article 13. Voted to accept as a public way a portion of Sunrise Road according to a plan dated March 1, 1956.

Article 14. Voted to accept Hemlock Road as a public way.

Article 15. Voted to accept a gift of the rounded portion of the corner of the MacQueen property on Ipswich Road and accept the same as a public way, subject to the approval of the deed by the Selectmen in conjunction with the Town Counsel and the East Precinct road surveyor.

Article 16. Voted to pass over.

Article 17. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $25,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Depot Road and Pond St. in Boxford, and $1,000.00 for the improvement of Washington St. in West Boxford; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 19. Voted unanimously to adopt a by-law as follows: No person shall operate upon Cedar Pond, Stevens Pond, Four Mile Pond, Stiles Pond, or Baldpate Pond within the territory of the town, a motorboat having an out-board or in-board motor of more than five horsepower, and no person owning such a motorboat shall permit such operation by any other person. Any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars.

Article 20. Bouquets were presented to Deacon John W. Parkhurst and Deacon George S. Carver as the oldest men in the two parishes. Deacon Parkhurst has been a voter for 72 years, served as town clerk for 50 years until his retirement in 1944, and is 93 years old. Deacon Carver became a voter 60 years ago and is 86 years of age.

The Taxpayers Association went on record as being opposed to plowing snow in private driveways under the present prices for such service.

A resolution was passed that the article dealing with the compensation of labor in the several departments be made Article 2 in the warrant of the next annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.
A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1956

Selectmen	$1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	1,600.00
Registrars	150.00
Elections	700.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	500.00
Wire Inspector	500.00
Finance Committee	100.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Board of Health	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Planning Board	25.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	3,000.00
Forest Warden	2,000.00
Fire Warden	1,500.00
Tree Warden	900.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	800.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Disability Assistance	)
Old Age Assistance	25,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	)
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00
School Department	81,350.00
Vocational Education	300.00

Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	8,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00
Town Halls	1,750.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	5,524.21
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Clerical	300.00
Town Reports	600.00
Civil Defense	350.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	3,000.00
School House Note	7,000.00
Community House	150.00
Regional School	250.00
Morse House	75.00
	$166,119.21

*Essex Sanatorium	$1,816.38
*State Parks and Reservations	165.23
*State Audit of Municipal Accounts	491.02
*County Tax	4,035.14
*County Retirement System	1,785.18

* Not included in total budget

Total Budget	$166,119.21

OTHER ITEMS:

Article 10	$ 600.00	
Article 11	400.00	
Article 12	4,000.00	
Article 18	3,000.00	8,000.00
Total to be raised and appropriated		$174,119.21

TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$ 500.00	
Article 4	2,000.00	
Article 8	10,000.00	
Article 9	251.51	
Article 17	25,000.00	
Total Transfers		$37,751.51

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 16, 1956

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School at 8 p.m. on April 16, 1956. The meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., moderator; and after a minute of silent prayer, the following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $1,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway re-location, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate $2,000.00 as an additional sum for snow removal and sanding of highways.

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate an additional sum of $3,000.00 for the purpose of garaging town vehicles.

Article 4. Voted to increase the compensation from $1.25 to $1.50 for employees, and from $1.50 to $1.75 per hour for heads, in the following departments: Highway, Police, Clerical, Tree, and Fire; and voted to raise and appropriate extra amounts for said departments as follows: Highway, $1,000.00; Police, $400.00; Clerical, $60.00; Tree, $600.00; and Fire, $700.00, to cover inrceased compensation.

Article 5. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 670, Acts of 1955, which provide for an increase in the amount of Pensions and Retirement Allowances payable to certain former public employees.

Article 6. Voted to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 1, 1956

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on October 1, 1956 at 8 p.m. with about 300 attending. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. William Hoover. William J. Greenler, Jr., served as moderator. The following business was transacted:

Article 1. Voted that the report of the Committee on the Regional High School be approved as printed in the brochure sent to each family.

Article 2. Voted that the town accept the provisions of Section 16-16-I inclusive of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a Regional School District together with the towns of Middleton and Topsfield, and for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a Regional School by said District, in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement between said towns filed with the Selectmen. The article was voted on with ballot and check-lists, with 252 yes, 15 no votes.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $11,000.00 for the purpose of providing this town's share of the cost of a Regional School District Committee engaging an architect or other professional services to draw plans and specifications and to secure an option on a site for a Regional School in accordance with the agreement between the towns of Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield with respect to the formation of a Regional School District on file with the Selectmen, and direct the town treasurer to pay over said sum to the Regional School District Committee upon certification of the clerks of the Towns of Middleton and Topsfield that proportional sums have been appropriated by said towns.

Article 4. Voted that all elective officers including any which may be necessary as the result of forming the Regional

School District be placed upon the official ballot at Town Elections.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the Road Machinery Maintenance Account, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. Voted to transfer $500.00 from the Police Account to the Police Cruiser and Garage Account.

Article 7. Voted to transfer the sum of $550.00 from Public Assistance (Old Age Assistance), $500.00 to Public Welfare, and $50.00 to Civil Defense.

Article 8. Voted to transfer $300.00 from Forest Warden account to Town Halls.

Article 9. A vote of thanks was given to the Regional School Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.
A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

LIST OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING 1956

Date	*Name*	*Parents' Name*
1955		
Nov. 1	— Bruce William Harris	Gordon Harris Mary S. Cail
1956		
Jan. 12	— Forest Dane Titcomb	Allan Titcomb Dorothy D. Adams
Jan. 14	— Kathleen Grace Hagen	Richard B. Hagen Marjorie B. McKay
Feb. 10	— Karen Jean Mulcahy	John William Mulcahy Jean Begg
Feb. 12	— John Scott Wade	Francis V. Wade Elvah G. Hatch

Feb. 17	Bruce William Perry	Lindsey R. Perry Barbara L. Coffin
Feb. 23	Rebecca Alice Spencer	Donald V. Spencer Sylvia M. Christie
Mar. 1	Mark Peter Wyner	Joseph H. Wyner Janice Purrier
Mar. 2	Lucia Dewey Atwood	Byron T. Atwood, Jr. Lucia D. Eames
Mar. 3	Cynthia Anne LaPlante	Arthur A. LaPlante Cynthia L. Seale
Apr. 3	Jean Marie Dodge	John N. Dodge Rachel R. Rogers
Apr. 6	Leo Francis Vrettos	Peter Leo Vrettos Jean C. Blakney
Apr. 10	Leslie Ros Stecker	Raymond J. Stecker Mathilde Ros
Apr. 11	Kay Ellen Rich	Charles R. Rich Jean A Ripley
Apr. 11	Dianna Lee Genest	Paul A. Genest Beulah M. Dixon
Apr. 18	William E. Dorman, 3rd	William E. Dorman Virginia Bohlin
May 2	Anne Elizabeth Perley	Henry B. Perley Barbara A. Heathcock
July 28	Mason Webster Russell	Gordon A. Russell Elizabeth M. Webster
Aug. 11	Crystal Ann Hale	Walter S. Hale Dorothy E. Hale
Aug. 15	Kathy Ellen Goodwin	Frank W. Goodwin Shirley M. Wilson
Oct. 25	Bruce Peter Holley	Frederick R. Holley Rachel C. Boilard
Dec. 20	Wendy Lee Wheeler	Alvin W. Wheeler Patricia E. Shattuck
Oct. 24	Steven Henry McGinnity	Robert B. McGinnity Marlene J. Vachon

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING 1956

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
Jan. 7	Norman P. Flanders	Boxford, Mass.
	Eleanor M. Adams	North Andover, Mass.
Feb. 4	Jewell Ray Bowen	Wisner, Louisiana
	Priscilla Joan Spooner	Boxford, Mass.
Feb. 7	Walter R. Woodburn	Boxford, Mass.
	Marjorie Tuttle	Boxford, Mass.
Mar. 4	John Chase Seale	Boxford, Mass.
	Lola Irene Delp	Danvers, Mass.
Mar. 31	Theodore Shepard Fowler	Boxford, Mass.
	Cecilia T. Willis	West Newbury, Mass.
June 3	Perley Hopkinson Bailey	Groveland, Mass.
	Janis Martha Curtis	Boxford, Mass.
July 7	Alfred Bacon Hudson	Ithaca, N. Y.
	Judith Elizabeth Maddock	Boxford, Mass.
Sept. 16	Frank H. Allen	Ipswich, Mass.
	Eleanor A. Swanson	Boxford, Mass.
Oct. 13	William F. Perkins, Jr.	Georgetown, Mass.
	Gloria J. Dupuis	Boxford, Mass.
Oct. 5	Frederick Richard Shaw	Boxford, Mass.
	Betty P. Hyatt	Lynn, Mass.
Oct. 26	Richard John Doucette	Boxford, Mass.
	Caroline Louise Slezinger	Saugus, Mass.
Nov. 30	Thomas G. Tagg, Jr.	Boxford, Mass.
	Elizabeth Celia Boccia	Beverly, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED DURING 1956

Date 1956	*Name*	*Age* Yrs.	M.	D.
Jan. 4	Bruce William Harris	—	2	3
Feb. 25	Walter Renton Ingalls	90	4	—
Apr. 10	George Deschamp	81	0	19
Apr. 12	Walter Merkely Robinson	75	2	15

July	8 — Lena M. (Murphy) Smith	82	7	18
July	17 — Charles Perley Kimball	84	0	18
July	27 — Grace M. Perley	75	7	5
Aug.	6 — Frank Deskame (Deschamps)	77	9	17
Oct.	2 — Percy L. Cooley	64	—	—
Oct.	9 — Nettie M. Preble	79	5	12
Oct.	27 — Mary Cobban	87	6	3
Nov.	10 — Ruth F. Thrasher (Fiske)	65	1	26
Nov.	18 — David J. Stewart	17	9	26

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1956

4	Sporting Licenses Free	
75	Fishing Licenses at $3.25	$243.75
57	Hunting Licenses at $3.25	185.25
28	Sporting Licenses at $5.25	147.00
16	Minor Fishing Licenses at $1.25	20.00
10	Women's Fishing Licenses at $2.25	22.50
2	Minor Trapping Licenses at $2.25	4.50
1	Citizen Trapping License at $7.75	7.75
1	Non-resident Minor Fishing License at $2.25	2.25
1	Duplicate at .50	.50
Total		$633.50
190	Fees at $0.25	47.50
Remitted to Fisheries and Game Div.		$586.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1956

110	Males at $2.00	$220.00
16	Females at $5.00	80.00
48	Spayed Females at $2.00	96.00
6	Kennels at $10.00	60.00

3 Kennels at $25.00	75.00
1 Kennels at $50.00	50.00
Total Received	$581.00
184 Fees at $0.20	36.80
Remitted to Town Treasurer	$544.20

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

No. of Persons Assessed	Indiv.	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	10	4	14
On Real Estate Only	446	6	452
On Both Personal and Real Estate	127	3	130
Total Number of Persons Assessed			596
Number of Polls Assessed			388

Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	$6,300.00	
Machinery	11,000.00	
Live Stock	34,015.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	290,515.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Property		$341,,830.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of Buildings	$438,650.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	1,495,460.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$1,934,110.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		$2,275,940.00

Tax Rate per $1,000 = $60.00

Taxes for State, County, and Town Purposes, including Overlay:		
On Personal Estate	$20,509.80	
On Real Estate	116,046.60	
On Polls	776.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		$137,332.40
Commissioner's Value of Motor Vehicles		$419,847.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles Assessed		19,771.01
Number of Vehicles Assessed		688

Motor Vehicle Excise Rate = $54.43

Number of Live Stock Assessed		
Horses (1 year or older)	15	
Neat Cattle (1 year or older)	19	
Cows	111	
Bulls, Steers, Heifers, Yearlings	19	
Swine (6 months old or over)	217	
Sheep (6 months old or over)	103	
Fowl	22,200	
All Other	751	
Number of Acres of Land Assessed		14,189
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed		402

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

December 31, 1956

Board of Selectmen:

As Inspector of Animals in the Town of Boxford for the year 1956 I submit the following report:

Number of places inspected	12
Number of bovine animals	129
Number of horses	5
Number of sheep	26
Number of swine	2

This inspection has been done according to direction of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES — 1952

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956	$ .05	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957		$ .05

TAXES — 1953

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,211.28	
Interest collected	84.87	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$ 809.28
Personal Property		43.20
Classified Forest Land		11.52
Interest		84.87
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957		347.28
	$ 1,296.15	$ 1,296.15

TAXES — 1954

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956	$ 4,221.96	
Interest collected	173.47	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$ 2,339.25
Personal Property		698.75
Motor Vehicle Excise		6.15
Interest		173.47
Abatements:		
Poll		2.00
Transferred to Tax Title account		8.75
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957		1,167.06
	$ 4,395.43	$ 4,395.43

TAXES — 1955

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956	$ 13,602.20	
Interest collected	133.02	

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	95.26	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment	16.02	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 40.00
Real Estate		5,618.94
Personal Property		671.22
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,272.99
Interest		133.02
Abatements:		
Poll		16.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		119.08
Real Estate		108.00
Transferred to Tax Title Account		13.50
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957		4,853.75
	$ 13,846.50	$ 13,846.50

TAXES — 1956

Poll Tax Commitments	$ 780.00	
Real Estate Commitment	116,046.60	
Personal Property Commitment	20,509.80	
Classified Forest Land Commitments	162.30	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	19,754.99	
Real Estate Refund	120.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	611.96	
Interest collected	28.61	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 640.00
Real Estate		105,512.98
Personal Property		18,876.30
Classified Forest Land		138.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		15,614.73
Interest		28.61
Abatements:		
Poll		68.00
Real Estate		1,947.60

Personal Property		91.50
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,359.53
Transferred to Tax Title		4.50
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957		13,732.51
	$158,014.26	$158,014.26

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SNOW REMOVAL

Commitment	$ 1,439.00	
Collected		$ 964.75
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957		474.25
	$ 1,439.00	$ 1,439.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$114,280.45
Personal Property	20,289.47
Poll	680.00
Classified Forest Land	149.52
Motor Vehicle Excise	17,893.87
Interest	419.97
Total Receipt from Acct. Rec. Highway Department Snow Removal	964.75
Paid to Treasurer	$154,678.03

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Collector

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Winthrop P. Haynes, President
Milton E. Lord, Vice-President
Esther K. Perley, Secretary
Charles J. Kittredge, Jr., Treasurer

Seth L. Kelsey
Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.
Margaret Lane
Robert B. Parkhurst

LIBRARIANS

Bertha Perley
Lucy K. Parkhurst

The Library is open to the public on Thursday and Saturday afternoons from two-thirty to five-thirty. Effort is made to purchase books and current magazines which are of interest and in demand. A recently purchased Compton's Encyclopedia is being found very useful to school pupils.

The Merrimack Valley Library Association, through loans, has continued to make available many worthwhile books in various fields. The State Reading Certificate Program for children in grades four through eight has been continued. 110 five-book certificates and 8 twenty-book or Honor Certificates were awarded in June. Books circulated during the year totaled 3,804, not including school deposits. Fiction 1,392. Nonfiction 946. Juvenile 1,466. There were 266 books added to the library collection, making the total book stock 11,801.

At the annual meeting the trustees elected a new member, Mr. Charles J. Kittredge, Jr. to fill a vacancy on the Board. For the past four years Prof. Roberts has held the office of Treasurer. It was with regret that the trustees accepted his resignation from this offiice in which he had served so ably and faithfully.

The Library Service Bill, signed by President Eisenhower June 19, 1956, provides financial assistance from the federal government "to promote the further extension by the several states of public library service to rural areas without such services or with inadequate services." If the State Library Extension Agency establishes a State Regional Library Service Center with headquarters in or near Lawrence, as is proposed, Boxford will be one of the communities to benefit from this grant of $40,000.

As our town grows, the trustees hope that the Library will continue to hold a significant place in the community. For any gifts to the Library, and for assistance in library chores, especially by the young people, the trustees are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY,

Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

Mrs. Alexander Price, President
Mr. Laurence D. Frizzell, Vice-President
Miss Ruby F. Nason, Secretary
Mrs. Richard Spofford, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Alexander Price, Chairman
Capt. Richard Chadwick
Mr. E. Laurence Colby

The Library was open to the public every Wednesday and Saturday, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. during the year.

The circulation of books was as follows: fiction, 1,288; non-fiction, 1,427; and juvenile, 1,263; totaling 3,978.

Books added to the library numbered 233. Of these, 144 were purchased; and 89 were presented.

The Merrimac Valley Library Aid Association lent to the library four collections of books during the year. These were well received by our borrowers.

The circulation of children's books increased over last year by 291. At the end of the school year, 70 state reading certificates were given to pupils in grades four through eight, of these 16 were honor certificates.

The Thrift Shop contributed to the book fund the sum of $174.04. The Shop also purchased for the Library plastic covers for many of the books, and we are very pleased with them.

To all who assisted in any way to make the library more helpful to the community in 1956, the Library Association is most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,

Librarian

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

This year has been rather quiet in regard to complaints of neighborhood dogs being a nuisance to nearby neighbors.

All money collected for dog licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

As usual, there are still a few licenses uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Total number of permits issued for 1956.

	Number	*Value*
Permit granted for new houses	33	$454,250.00
Permit granted for additions	5	7,500.00
Permit granted for garages	2	3,000.00
Permit granted for poultry house	1	1,500.00
Permit granted for miscellaneous additions to farm and camp	3	2,700.00
TOTAL	44	$468,950.00

Several special permits granted for signs and removal of gravel.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,

Building Inspector

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE WORK

To the Board of Selectmen:

The fight against Dutch Elm Disease continues. Many samples were taken and sent into the state laboratory to be checked. Those trees which were found to be diseased were taken down.

All Elms were sprayed with a hydraulic sprayer, and a second spray was put on with a mist blower.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

We have been very fortunate in having only a light infestation of the Gypsy Moth.

All roadsides were checked and sprayed with a hydraulic sprayer.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:

A great deal of trimming of low limbs has been done this year.

Many ash trees which were killed by the blight had to be cut down.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

Report for the year 1956:

156 Permits
325 Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,

Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	7
Beam scales	1
Computing scales	3
Spring scales	10
Gasoline meters	4
Kerosene pumps	1
Grease pumps	1
Steel tapes	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

EXAMINED

Month	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep*
January	69	253	16
February	37	219	8
March	40	349	8
April	45	237	11
May	45	220	20
June	41	169	38
July	60	299	5
August	52	280	15
September	48	288	19

October	69	381	24
November	55	343	22
December	57	243	12
TOTAL	618	3,281	198

During the year 2 cows and 65 calves were condemned.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H .FOSTER

CURTIS A. KIMBALL

Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 19, 1957

The Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

The following is a detailed report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1956:

Activities Classified:

Complaints	107
Fatal Accidents: Motor Vehicle	1
Court appearances	9
House Breaks	5
Malicious damage complaints	6
Summonses served	18
Larceny	6
Arrests	10
Arrests by State Police	12
Special Police service calls	45
Stolen cars recovered	9
Registry requests	17

Prowler	5
Calls for Resuscitator	4
Ambulance calls	22
Camp Breaks	1
Escaped Mental Patient Returned	2
Motor vehicle accidents	65

During the past year a special effort was made by the Police department to educate itself. Three schools were organized and attended. First a Red Cross course in First Aid, second a course in the use of the resuscitator and third an eight weeks course in Police Law and court procedure. The Topsfield and Boxford Departments played host to the police departments of thirteen surrounding Towns for the Police Law school.

The new cruiser ambulance arrived the day before Decoration Day and has been used extensively. It has logged nearly 8,000 miles on ambulance calls and regular patrols since it was purchased.

There has been a substantial increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents which occurred in town. About 50% of these occurred on the New Route One and were covered by the State Police.

A fire patrol was maintained in conjunction with the fire department during the dry season.

Three of the four calls for the resuscitator were of an emergency nature and we are very grateful to the Fire Department for the privilege of using this equipment, which the Town is very fortunate to have available.

The demands on our department are increasing with every passing year and every effort is being made to keep abreast with these demands.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the other Town departments and the townspeople for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year no major subdivisions have been filed with the board for approval. There has been, however, a number of building lots created which did not require approval other than a notation to that effect.

Thus it appears that Boxford is developing at a pace that will not see the town turned into a crowded suburb overnight.

The Planning Board recommends steps toward town mapping and master planning to forestall eventual blight and uneconomic land use, but an event of great significance has caused the board to postpone plans in this direction.

This is the creation of the regional high school to be undertaken with Topsfield and Middleton, a necessary facility which the Board supports.

This school will place a heavy tax burden on residents. It is the feeling of the board that taxpayers should not be called upon to face any additional costs this year. The board also urges residents to consider restraint in approving increased appropriations this year to hold in check the soaring tax rate.

Meanwhile, the Board has overhauled the town building code. This code is ready to present for consideration.

Another worthwhile project — town recreation facilities — should not be postponed indefinitely since the cost will be greater as land takings become more expensive.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON, Chairman
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
E. LAURENCE COLBY
WARREN GODFREY
CHARLES P. A. NELSON
WILLIAM E. DORMAN, Clerk

REPORT OF THE NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following cases were assisted in 1956:

Bonus	64
Discharge (certified copy)	12
Discharge (recorded)	65
Forms notarized	12
Photostats	210
Taxes	26
Annual Income Report	32
Compensation	12
Pension	16
Education, Training	8
Insurance	13
Medical-Dental	14
Power of Attorney	20
Miscellaneous	40

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$1,200.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. (Services)	48.50
Veterans Information Service (Frank Ostlin) Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans Laws)	9.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$1,260.00

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

Agent

	N. Andover	*Boxford*	*Total*
Balance carried over from 1955	$ 175.06	$ 26.31	$ 201.37
Appropriated in 1956, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, Raised by the Assessors in 1956 Tax Levy	950.00	135.00	1,085.00
Totals	$1,125.06	$161.31	$1,286.37
Expended to Dec. 31, 1956 (A)	1,104.89	155.11	1,260.00
Balance, December 31, 1956	$ 20.17	$ 6.20	$ 26.37

(A) Basis for Apportionment, Chapter 599, Acts of 1945

An act establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00 —	Per cent .8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00 —	Per cent .1231

District Department of Veterans Service

JAMES J. MAKER,

District Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

FIRES

1 Barn
11 Chimney
3 Auto fires on Rte. 1

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

There were 18 brush and grass fires; six fires were on Route 1. There were three calls at the Town Dump.

Please obey the law and call the Fire Department for all outdoor fires.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

The sum of $400.00 was appropriated for improvement in the Town Forest. $398.30 was used for a new culvert, and several loads of gravel were used in a low spot in one of the Town Forest roads to make it possible for fire trucks to get to a larger section of the forest. Wood roads were trimmed out, and considerable thinning was done in a new growth of hard wood. 1½ cords of wood were given in exchange for hauling 4 loads of gravel for the new culvert.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS

ROBERT B. PARKHURST

WINTHROP P. HAYNES

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

During the past year a First Aid course was given at the Community House with the assistance of the Andover Chapter, American Red Cross. Meetings were well attended with all members receiving their certificates.

The communications section of this agency handled traffic to the Sector Headquarters at Tewksbury from this town during the July tests which were successful.

The cooperation of the officials of the town is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,

Director

REPORT ON TOWN DUMP IMPROVEMENT

The sum of $400.00 was appropriated for improvement of the Town Dump. $87.75 of this was not used. $250.00 was spent for bulldozing, and the balance to open a drive to a swamp for use as a dumping ground. Woods were cut to make a turn around near the swamp. $50.00 was paid to the town for a clump of pines near the turn around, and 2½ cords of wood at $8.00 a cord were exchanged for labor in cutting wood away for the turn around.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS

ROBERT B. PARKHURST

WINTHROP P. HAYNES

Town Dump Improvement Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the year 1956, 39 cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health, as follows:

Disease	*No. of Cases*
Measles	3
Scarlet Fever	15
Chicken Pox	17
Dog Bite	3
Tuberculosis	1

Licenses were granted as follows:

Recreational camps	6
Slaughter	1
Milk dealers	11
Milk producers	2
Lord's Day	2
Manufacture of ice cream	1
Nursery schools	2

Salk Vaccine has been available through the State Department of Public Health for the innoculation of children from the age of six months through nineteen years. Clinics were conducted during the year by the School Physician, Fred J. Nahil, M.D., assisted by Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N., and Mrs. Barbara Harrington, R.N.

Work done in conjunction with the Town Forest Committee has made it possible to improve the conditions at the Town Dump toward the end of the year. More work is needed in order to keep an area suitable for continued use.

The Board of Health's representative, Tracy I. Flagg, sanitary engineer, made complete preliminary and final inspection during the year of twenty-nine sewerage installations at new homes and at three buildings being remodeled. This included the relative locations of the wells and sewage disposal systems of neighboring buildings. Also, at the end of the year, nineteen new homes had received their preliminary inspections and

had obtained installation permits. These, with others to be built in 1957, will receive careful supervision. Basically, this type of service protects the health of the community; it also gives the homeowner a reasonable assurance that his system will function. The latter must be properly cared for, however.

Four waste disposal conditions that might be hazards to the public health were inspected and recommendations made for their corrections. Satisfactory completion of the latter was accomplished through the cooperation of the responsible individuals.

In addition, two major considerations of subdivisions were made. One case involved an entirely new development of land; the other was a reconsideration of a section of land which had been changed somewhat by the owner.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The expense of the General Relief program is increasing as the cost for 1956 has been approximately 50 per cent above the average of the last five years. The reports of the other three categories of aid and relief will be found under the report of the Central Essex Welfare District.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE
CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Old Age Assistance:

Average case count		14
Boxford settled	5	
State settled	5	
Other cities and towns	4	

Aid to Dependent Children: (no settlement in ADC.)

Average case count	2	10 children

Disability Assistance: (no settlement in DA.)

Average case count	2

The case load has remained relatively constant for the year. This is in opposition to the general trend in the state where the case count for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children have decreased slightly, and Disability Assistance has shown a marked increase.

Expenditures in the various categories of assistance have been:

Old Age Assistance	$13,545.75
Aid to Dependent Children	5,265.08
Disability Assistance	2,112.67
Total for the year	$20,923.50

Included in these figures are $7,592.62 for medical care in all of the federal catagories of assistance. These payments are made directly to the person or vendor giving the authorized service to the recipient of assistance. Medcal payments on a monthly and per case average were, Old Age Assistance $422.84 per month or $30.20 per case; Aid to Dependent Children $62.49 per month or $5.21 per case; Disability Assistance $91.86 per month or $30.62 per case.

During the year of 1956 amendments to the Social Security Act made some changes in the formulas used to claim reimbursement for aid rendered. These changes should be a benefit to the town as it will provide a larger amount of federal money to be reused in the local programs on a current basis. There will be no change in the total monies returned to the town but a smaller share will be paid by the state. There have been other amendments to the Titles of the Social Security Act covering Old Age and Survivors Insurance which will in time reduce the cost to the town as more and more people are in covered employment and will be able to at least meet part of their own needs at time of retirement or enforced dependency caused by illness or death in the family.

The agent thanks all of the town officials and townspeople for their help and cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,

Agent

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

During the year 1956 the balance of the work on the toilets at Lincoln Hall has been completed. Unfortunately, the south side and west end of the roof at Lincoln Hall were leaking very badly which necessitated the reshingling of this area. The five-stall garage authorized by vote of the town in 1956 has been erected but as yet is incomplete. The plans and specifications for this building were contributed by Mr. Merton S. Barrows. Some interior painting has been done in the Town Hall, but more is needed in both the Town Hall and Lincoln Hall, some of which we hope to do in 1957.

Through the public spirited effort of the American Legion Post No. 379, a boulder has been placed on the lower common, with a suitable bronze plaque dedicated to the veterans of World War II. The town wishes to express its appreciation for

the gift from the American Legion and also the generosity of the Georgetown Sand & Gravel Company which donated the equipment to transport and set up the boulder. Strogney's Service Engineering Company of Georgetown has replaced the old wooden flagpole which came down in the 1954 hurricane with a metal flagpole near the boulder. The material for this pole was the generous contribution of Mrs. Rosamond Price, and the labor was contributed by Mr. Strogney.

On June 22, 1956, the town was presented with an approximately 200-page book entitled "Old Roads of Boxford" compiled by John W. and Winnifred C. Parkhurst, to whom we extend our grateful thanks.

Under the Chapter 90 highway and construction programs, we have completed, with the exception of one coat of oil, Depot Road and Pond Street. A short section of Washington Street in West Boxford adjacent to the North Andover town line, was reconstructed to conform with the recent construction of Route 133 in North Andover.

Under the Chapter 81 appropriation, many of the secondary roads were resurfaced with oil, and two short sections, one on Mill Road and one on Spofford Road, were treated with oil for the first time.

Under Chapter 90, maintenance, the combined town appropriation and state allotment of $1,500.00, was used for resurfacing Willow Road in West Boxford and Ipswich Road in Boxford.

All of the above funds were spent under the supervision of the state highway engineers.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1956

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector

Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$105,512.98	
Personal Property	18,876.30	
Poll	640.00	
Classified Forest Land	138.00	
		$125,167.28
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 8,767.47	
Personal Property	1,413.17	
Poll	40.00	
Classified Forest Land	11.52	
		$ 10,232.16
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1954	$ 6.15	
Levy of 1955	2,272.99	
Levy of 1956	15,614.73	
		$ 17,893.87
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 17,338.08	
Chap. 90 Construction	5,000.00	
		$ 22,338.08
For Education:		
School Superintendent	$ 848.52	
Chap. 70, School Aid	12,550.69	
Tuition, and Temporary Aid	253.92	
Education and Transportation	18,823.75	
Vocational Education	359.60	
		$ 32,836.48

For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$ 855.00	
Corporation Taxes	5,015.05	
Loss of Taxes	1,314.48	
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	397.24	
Snow Removal	34.50	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
School Lunch Program	1,942.73	
		$ 9,584.00
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 6,893.06	
Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant	4,786.78	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,082.09	
Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant	1,992.00	
Disability Assistance	567.76	
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	883.37	
Veterans' Benefits	382.00	
		$ 17,587.06
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$ 220.85	
Dog License refund	251.51	
		$ 472.36
Trust and Investment Funds:		
J. T. Barker School Fund	$ 1,000.00	
Interest on School Funds	127.50	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	107.68	
West Parish	92.56	
Killam — Curtis Cemetery Fund	12.00	
		$ 1,339.74
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 335.22	
Highway	7.50	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	20.85	
Public Welfare	111.80	

Appeal Board	60.00	
School	230.75	
Board of Health	98.57	
Snow Removal	964.75	
Tax Title redemption	113.58	
		$ 1,943.02

Licenses and Permits:

Dogs	$ 556.20	
Slaughter	1,000.00	
Building	82.50	
Sewerage	180.00	
Junk	12.00	
Revolver	12.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	5.50	
Peddler	6.00	
Oleo	.50	
Recreational Camp	5.50	
Lord's Day	1.00	
Kindergarten	1.00	
		$ 1,867.20

Unclassified:

Sale of Street Lists	$ 2.70	
Interest on Taxes	305.40	
School Lunch Program	4,567.56	
County Retirement	1,741.50	
Withholding Tax Deductions	6,457.14	
Rent of Town Halls	249.00	
Rent of Morse House	41.00	
Sale of Shed	50.00	
Departmental refunds	310.58	
Use of telephones	106.45	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	4,752.70	
Land Rent	30.00	
Sale of Safe	10.00	
Sale of Junk	46.80	
Sale of Lumber	50.00	

Court Fines	35.00	
Damage claims	57.55	
		$ 18,927.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$260,189.20

EXPENDITURES FOR 1956

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,214.20	
Board of Public Welfare	248.50	
Assessors	1,556.31	
Treasurer	443.20	
Town Clerk	405.84	
Accountant	1,405.86	
Collector	1,620.85	
Registrars	144.00	
Elections	579.62	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	60.76	
Building Inspector	500.00	
Wire Inspector	500.00	
Finance Committee	10.00	
Regional School Committee	199.86	
Board of Health	1,163.75	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,161.25	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$ 11,764.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 25.00
Dog Officer	63.00
Police	2,922.44
Forest Warden	1,517.50
Fire Warden	2,199.26
Tree Warden	1,391.98

Moth Suppression	1,299.95	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	799.88	
		$ 10,219.01

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$ 1,239.10	
Disability Assistance	1,828.75	
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	315.70	
Old Age Assistance	14,644.93	
Aid to Dependent Children	4,091.63	
Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant	1,173.45	
Veterans' Benefits	1,670.61	
Old Age Assistance, Admin., U.S. Grant	356.19	
		$ 25,320.36

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$ 79,071.33	
Vocational Education	135.60	
School Lunch Program	6,687.39	
East Parish Library	533.43	
West Parish Library	518.32	
		$ 86,946.07

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 17,932.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, 1955	695.77	
Chap. 90 Construction, Depot Road	6,762.94	
Chap. 90 Construction, Washington St.	5,571.00	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,467.00	
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,758.45	
Snow Removal and Sanding	18,772.00	
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,099.59	
Street Lighting	747.96	
		$ 54,806.71

UNCLASSIFIED

Regional School District Committee	$ 10,989.00	
Town Halls, 1954 Acct.	1,092.87	
Town Halls	2,139.16	
Toilets at Town Hall	1,236.37	
Public Grounds	157.55	
Insurance	3,368.86	
Town Forest	398.30	
Memorial Day	250.00	
Soldiers' Graves	200.00	
Harmony Cemetery	50.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Killam — Curtis Cemetery	12.00	
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	
Town Dump Improvement	318.25	
Police Cruiser and Garage	6,509.00	
Clerical	288.75	
Withholding Tax Deductions	6,457.14	
Town Reports	590.00	
Civil Defense	483.68	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	89.75	
Essex Sanatorium	1,816.38	
Veterans' Service District	135.00	
State Parks and Reservations	281.83	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	491.02	
County Tax	3,965.13	
County Retirement System	1,785.18	
County Retirement Deductions	1,741.50	
Community House	139.60	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	707.22	
Real Estate Tax Refund	120.00	
Dog Licenses to County	622.40	
Principal of Maturing Debt	7,000.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,812.50	
		$ 56,448.44
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$245,504.59

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash: General		$124,334.28
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1952:		
Real Estate		.05
Levy of 1953:		
Real Estate	$ 329.28	
Personal	18.00	
		347.28
Levy of 1954:		
Real Estate	$ 1,058.00	
Personal	64.75	
		1,122.75
Levy of 1955:		
Poll	$ 6.00	
Real Estate	4,096.36	
Personal	699.03	
		4,801.39
Levy of 1956:		
Poll	$ 72.00	
Real Estate	8,706.02	
Personal	1,542.00	
		10,320.02
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1954	$ 13.56	
Levy of 1955	48.79	
Levy of 1956	3,392.69	
		3,455.04

Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1954	$ 30.75	
Levy of 1955	3.57	
Levy of 1956	19.80	
		54.12
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	$ 470.58	
Veterans' Services	489.81	
Old Age Assist. — Other Cities and Towns	276.37	
Highway — Snow Removal	474.25	
		$ 1,711.01
Tax Titles		40.57
State and County Aid to Highways		21,514.04
Chap. 90 Construction — Washington St.		500.00
Underestimates:		
State Parks and Reservations		116.60
		$168,317.15

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$109,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds — Cash and Securities	$ 54,061.19

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Titles	$ 40.57	
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	3,455.04	
Departmental Revenue	1,711.01	

Special Assessment Revenue	54.12	
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue	21,514.04	
		$ 26,774.78
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1952	$ .05	
Levy of 1953	347.28	
Levy of 1954	1,167.06	
Levy of 1955	2,743.05	
Levy of 1956	6,676.09	
		10,933.53
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		8,251.97
Excess and Deficiency		98,466.81
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 4,786.79	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,292.62	
Disability Assistance	1,111.82	
Old Age Assist. Administration	204.53	
		7,395.76
Appropriation Accounts:		
Goodwin Plans, 1954 Account	$ 100.00	
School House Committee	20.63	
New School	22.28	
Regional School Committee	50.14	
Police Cruiser and Garage	991.00	
Chap. 90 Const., Depot Road	1,219.06	
Baldpate Road — 1955 Account	533.24	
School	2,303.85	
Toilets at Town Halls — 1955 Acct.	263.63	
Civil Defense	23.56	
		5,547.39
J. T. Barker Fund		4,552.13
School Lunch Program		30.72
Road Machinery Fund		1,529.55
Baldpate Road — Land Purchase		1.00
Old Age Assistance Recovery		4,752.70

Dog Licenses		10.80
Overestimates:		
County Tax		70.01
		$168,317.15

DEBT ACCOUNT

New School Loan		$109,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$ 34,359.41	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	4,091.33	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,451.65	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,365.23	
Curtis and Killam Burial Lot Fund	268.15	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	1,025.42	
		$ 54,061.19

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1956

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$ 1,170.00	
Office supplies	20.20	
State and County Assoc. dues	24.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,214.20	
Balance to revenue	85.80	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 300.00

Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$ 242.00	
Office expenses	6.50	
Total expenditures	$ 248.50	
Balance to revenue	51.50	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	$ 1,150.00	
Clerical	260.00	
Abstracts	63.14	
Office Supplies	74.17	
State and County Assoc., dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,556.31	
Balance to revenue	43.69	
	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 300.00	
Bond	85.50	
Office supplies	51.30	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.40	
State Assoc., dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 443.20	
Balance to revenue	206.80	
	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$ 450.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 345.50	

Bond	5.00	
Office expense	47.84	
State Assoc., dues	7.50	
Total expenditures	$ 405.84	
Balance to revenue	44.16	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Collector

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Transfer from Reserve		20.85
Salary, Collector	$ 1,200.00	
Bonds	159.50	
Office expense	259.35	
State Assoc., dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,620.85	$ 1,620.85

Accountant

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Salary, Accountant	$ 1,350.00	
Office supplies	55.86	
Total expenditures	$ 1,405.86	
Balance to revenue	219.14	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$ 100.00

State Assoc., dues	$ 10.00	
Total expenditures	$ 10.00	
Balance to revenue	90.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 144.00	
Total expenditures	$ 144.00	
Balance to revenue	6.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Elections

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Refund		7.50
Services, Election officers	$ 377.50	
Services, Town Clerk	57.00	
Printing and supplies	145.12	
Total expenditures	$ 579.62	
Balance to revenue	127.88	
	$ 707.50	$ 707.50

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Advertising	$ 60.76	
Total expenditures	60.76	
Balance to revenue	89.24	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$ 25.00
Balance to revenue	$ 25.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Regional School

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Printing	$ 133.91	
Office expense	23.60	
Travel expense	42.35	
Total expenditures	$ 199.86	
Balance to 1957	50.14	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Services, Building Inspector	$ 494.64	
Office expense	5.36	
Total expenditures	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriations		$ 500.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$ 485.20	
Office expense	14.80	
Total expenditures	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation	$ 1,150.00
Transfer from Reserve	13.75

Salaries, Board of Health	$ 170.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	340.00	
Survey of Dump	101.70	
Maintenance of Dump	411.00	
Hospitalization	90.00	
Clinics	30.00	
Office supplies	17.45	
Rubbish collection	3.60	
Total expenditures	$ 1,163.75	$ 1,163.75

Town Dump Improvement

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Labor	$ 68.25	
Bulldozer	250.00	
Use of Town tools	6.00	
Total expenditures	$ 324.25	
Balance to revenue	75.75	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$ 1,161.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,161.00	
Balance to revenue	38.75	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriations		$ 3,400.00
Transfer from Reserve		25.00
Labor	$ 1,596.39	
Use of cars	174.00	
Insurance	233.34	
Equipment	447.29	
Telephone	147.79	
Repairs	64.89	
Total expenditures	$ 2,922.44	
Transfer to Garage Acct.	500.00	
	$ 3,422.44	
Balance to revenue	2.56	
	$ 3,425.00	$ 3,425.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$ 60.00
Refund, Essex County		9.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 50.00	
Board and disposal of stray dogs	13.00	
Total expenditures	$ 63.00	
Balance to revenue	6.00	
	$ 69.00	$ 69.00

Police Cruiser and Garage

Appropriations		$ 7,000.00
Transfer from Police		500.00
Cruiser	$ 3,145.00	

Garage	3,364.00	
Total expenditures	$ 6,509.00	
Balance to 1957	991.00	
	$ 7,500.00	$ 7,500.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 35.00
Salary, Sealer	$ 25.00	
Total expenditures	$ 25.00	
Balance to revenue	10.00	
	$ 35.00	$ 35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$ 2,200.00
Adjustment from Road Machinery Maintenance		14.86
Labor	$ 213.50	
Janitor service	210.00	
Equipment	292.13	
Repairs	320.06	
Supplies	79.71	
Telephone	394.05	
Fuel	158.17	
Assoc. dues and subscription	6.50	
Heating Unit	540.00	
Total expenditures	$ 2,214.12	
Balance to revenue	.74	
	$ 2,214.86	$ 2,214.86

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$ 210.00	

Labor	429.50	
Janitor service	110.00	
Telephones	372.67	
Equipment	34.20	
Repairs	333.18	
Gasoline	27.95	
Total expenditures	$ 1,517.50	
Transfer to Town Halls	300.00	
Balance to revenue	182.50	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Labor	$ 1,197.65	
Trucks	106.00	
Tractor	37.75	
Power Saw	19.50	
Tools	26.08	
Assoc. dues	5.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,391.98	
Balance to revenue	108.02	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Labor	$ 196.25	
Spraying	620.00	
Topping elms	344.20	
Supplies	108.00	
Truck	20.00	
Tractor	6.50	
Power Saw	5.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,299.95	

Balance to revenue	.05	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Labor	$ 776.38	
Trucks	10.50	
Tractor	13.00	
Total expenditures	$ 799.88	
Balance to revenue	.12	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Old Age Assistance		500.00
Cash	$ 603.80	
Medical	115.23	
Fuel	37.40	
Hospital	103.02	
Burial	150.00	
Other cities and towns	229.65	
Total expenditures	$ 1,239.10	
Balance to revenue	260.90	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$18,500.00
Refunds		96.45
Cash	$13,637.10	

Other cities and towns	1,007.83	
Total expenditures	$14,644.93	
Transfer to Public Welfare	500.00	
Transfer to Civil Defense	50.00	
	$15,194.93	
Balance to revenue	3,401.52	
	$18,596.45	$18,596.45

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1955		$ .01
Federal Grants		4,786.78
Balance to 1957	$ 4,786.79	
	$ 4,786.79	$ 4,786.79

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Cash	$ 4,091.63	
Balance to revenue	408.37	
	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1955		$ 474.07
Federal Grants		1,992.00
Cash	$ 1,173.45	
Balance to 1957	1,292.62	
	$ 2,466.07	$ 2,466.07

Old Age Assistance Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1955		$ 560.72
Welfare District	$ 356.19	

Balance to 1957	204.53	
	$ 560.72	$ 560.72

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Refund		26.79
Cash	$ 1,828.75	
Balance to revenue	198.04	
	$ 2,026.79	$ 2,026.79

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1955		$ 544.15
Federal Grants		883.37
Cash	$ 315.70	
Balance to 1957	1,111.82	
	$ 1,427.52	$ 1,427.52

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transfer from reserve		170.61
Cash	$ 1,463.00	
Medical	132.61	
Burial	75.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,670.61	$ 1,670.61

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$ 1,800.00
Labor	$ 564.00	
Trucks	152.00	
Sander	67.50	

Tractor	42.50	
Repairs	893.14	
Signs	32.10	
Oil	7.21	
Use of Town tools	14.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,772.45	
Balance to revenue	27.55	
	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00

Chapter 90 — Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$ 268.50	
Trucks	126.00	
Tractor	20.00	
Sand	260.20	
Oil	792.30	
Use of Town tools	33.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Chapter 81 — Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 2,800.00
State allotment		15,400.00
Refund		.50
Labor	$ 7,708.00	
Trucks	2,701.75	
Roller	75.00	
Grader	495.00	
Sander	103.50	
Tractor	213.75	
Power Saws	9.50	
Sand and gravel	1,678.74	
Oil	4,697.96	
Pipe	144.13	

Tools	38.17	
Posts	24.00	
Use of Town tools	268.50	
Backhoe	40.00	
Signs	2.50	
Total expenditures	$18,200.50	$18,200.50

Chapter 90 — Construction, Washington Street

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
State allotment		3,000.00
County allotment		1,000.00
Refund		75.00
Labor	$ 1,919.20	
Trucks	522.25	
Shovel	808.50	
Bulldozer	421.00	
Backhoe	60.00	
Power Saws	16.50	
Grader	90.00	
Tractor	45.00	
Pipe	479.51	
Guard rail	479.01	
Sand and gravel	329.85	
Oil	151.38	
Cement	77.72	
Posts and wire	171.08	
Use of Town tools	4.00	
Total expenditures	$ 5,575.00	
Additional State allotment		$ 500.00
	$ 5,575.00	$ 5,575.00

Chapter 90 — Construction, Depot Road, 1955

Balance from 1955		$ 711.77
Labor	$ 274.75	

Trucks	75.25	
Bulldozer	24.00	
Tractor	6.00	
Sand	47.71	
Oil	268.06	
Use of Town tools	16.00	
Total expenditures	$ 711.77	$ 711.77

Chapter 90 — Construction, Depot Road

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
State allotment		4,000.00
County allotment		2,000.00
Labor	$ 2,156.75	
Trucks	894.25	
Shovel	576.00	
Bulldozer	130.00	
Grader	375.00	
Pipe	271.66	
Sand and gravel	1,348.40	
Oil	632.88	
Power Saw	24.00	
Roller	200.00	
Loader	90.00	
Backhoe	64.00	
Use of Town tools	18.00	
Total expenditures	$ 6,780.94	
Balance to 1957	1,219.06	
	$ 8,000.00	$ 8,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Transfer from Excess and Deficiency	8,000.00
Transfer from Reserve	1,500.00
Refund	39.00

Labor	$ 7,688.30	
Trucks	2,113.00	
Trucks and plows	3,389.50	
Sander	868.50	
Tractor	570.00	
Repairs	756.55	
Sand and salt	2,534.15	
Use of Town tools	767.00	
Equipment	800.00	
Bulldozer	50.00	
Power Saw	2.00	
Total expenditures	$19,539.00	$19,539.00

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		600.00
Labor	$ 267.50	
Gasoline and oil	229.98	
Repairs	473.84	
Light	20.52	
Tools	79.30	
Storage	15.00	
Truck	1.75	
Antifreeze	11.70	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 1,099.59	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	.41	
	$1,100.00	$1,100.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 775.00
Street Lights	$ 712.82	
Balance to revenue	27.04	
	$ 775.00	$ 775.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$81,350.00
Refunds		25.18
Teachers' Salaries:		
School Teachers	$27,082.69	
Substitutes	430.00	
Supervisors	1,761.95	
Home Instruction	39.00	
Superintendence:		
Salary	1,632.00	
Clerk	564.00	
Expense	247.20	
Health:		
Nurse	370.00	
Physician	325.00	
Supplies	7.98	
Tuition	20,894.28	
Transportation	11,767.05	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	2,399.96	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee expense	67.70	
Books	941.87	
Supplies	1,184.90	
Fuel	2,714.51	
Light	1,170.66	
Telephones	218.57	
Repairs	3,103.60	
Insurance	1,200.00	
Janitors' supplies	429.33	
Athletic program expense	40.75	
Grounds	414.73	

Rubbish collection	43.60	
Total expenditures	$79,071.33	
Balance to 1957	2,303.85	
	$81,375.18	$81,375.18

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Tuition	$ 42.90	
Transportation	92.70	
Total expenditures	$ 135.60	
Balance to revenue	164.40	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1955		$ 207.82
State Grants		1,942.73
Cash		4,567.56
Salaries	$ 2,095.00	
Food	4,592.39	
Total expenditures	$ 6,687.39	
Balance to 1957	30.72	
	$ 6,718.11	$ 6,718.11

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		125.75
Interest from Library Funds		107.68
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 533.43	
	$ 533.43	$ 533.43

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		125.76
Interest from Library Funds		92.56
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 518.32	
	$ 518.32	$ 518.32

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$ 1,750.00
Transfer from Forest Warden		300.00
Transfer from Reserve		100.00
Janitors	$ 269.01	
Fuel	431.79	
Light	191.38	
Telephone	214.24	
Repairs	1,027.08	
Supplies	5.66	
Total expenditures	$ 2,139.16	
Balance to revenue	10.84	
	$ 2,150.00	$ 2,150.00

Town Halls — 1954 Account

Balance from 1955		$ 1,092.87
Shingling and repairs	$ 1,092.87	
	$ 1,092.87	$ 1,092.87

Toilets at Town Hall

Balance from 1955	$ 1,500.00

Lincoln Hall	$ 1,236.37	
Balance to 1957	263.63	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Care of Public Grounds	$ 156.06	
Tools	1.49	
Total expenditures	$ 157.55	
Balance to revenue	92.45	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Labor	$ 378.75	
Pipe and gravel	19.55	
Total expenditures	$ 398.30	
Balance to revenue	1.70	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$ 225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$ 100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$ 200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 225.00	$ 225.00

Killam - Curtis Cemetery

Interest		$ 12.00

Maintenance	$ 12.00	
	$ 12.00	$ 12.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Maintenance	$ 150.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Band	$ 150.00	
Flags	18.50	
Refreshments	27.50	
Flowers	10.00	
Rope and ammunition	4.00	
Cement	2.90	
Labor	37.10	
Total expenditures	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Clerical

Appropriations		$ 360.00

Clerical	$ 288.75	
Balance to revenue	71.25	
	$ 360.00	$ 360.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Town Reports	$ 590.00	
Balance to revenue	10.00	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1955		$ 107.24
Appropriation		350.00
Transfer from O.A.A.		50.00
Fire	$ 98.10	
Communications	216.02	
Health	169.56	
Total expenditures	$ 483.68	
Balance to 1957	23.56	
	$ 507.24	$ 507.24

Community House

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Fuel	$ 101.31	
Light	34.96	
Repairs	3.33	
Total expenditures	$ 139.60	
Balance to revenue	10.40	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Refund		12.00
Chap. 90 petition expense	$ 27.75	
Appeal Board hearing	15.00	
Janitor Services at School	10.00	
Property appraisal	25.00	
Veterinary expense	12.00	
Total expenditures	$ 89.75	
Balance to revenue	422.25	
	$ 512.00	$ 512.00

Interest and Amortization of School Loan

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Interest	$ 2,812.50	
Payment on Principal	7,000.00	
Total expenditures	$ 9,812.50	
Balance to revenue	187.50	
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		$ 2,000.00
Total transfers	$ 1,830.21	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	169.79	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 5,524.21
Compensation	$ 1,142.28	
Liability	383.14	
Fire	632.76	

Motor Vehicle	1,013.43	
Monies and securities	62.50	
Fire Department	134.75	
Total expenditures	$ 3,368.86	
Balance to revenue	2,155.35	
	$ 5,524.21	$ 5,524.21

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1956 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1956		$109,649.67
S. S. Pearl, Collector	$154,678.03	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	22,338.08	
Education	32,836.48	
Taxes	7,581.77	
Old Age Assist., grants	11,679.84	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants	4,074.09	
Disability Assist., grants	1,451.13	
Veterans' Benefits	382.00	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 and 133	34.50	
School Lunch Program	1,942.73	
County of Essex:		
Highways	220.85	
Dog License refund	251.51	
Trust Funds, income	1,339.74	
Departmental receipts	5,788.52	
Licenses and permits	1,867.20	
Income from town property	475.00	
Withholding Tax Account	6,457.14	
Departmental refunds	310.58	
School Lunch Program	4,567.56	
County Retirement account	1,741.50	
Court Fines	35.00	
Telephone refunds	106.45	
Miscellaneous	4.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$260,189.20
		$369,838.87

Disbursements:	
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen	245,504.59
Balance, December 31, 1956	$124,334.28

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $6,500.00.

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$ 6,500.00
Daners Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 6,571.17
Interest for the year 1956	215.28
Balance Jan. 1, 1957	$ 6,786.45

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 122.74
Interest for the year 1956	3.69
Balance Jan. 1, 1957	$ 126.43
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$13,001.11
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	162.50
Savings Bank Interest for 1956	409.91
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$13,573.52
Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 7,147.91

Interest for the year 1956	225.10
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 7,373.01

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds was deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,686.11
Interest for the year 1956	55.23
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,741.34

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 2,275.45
Interest for the year 1956	74.54
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 2,349.99

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 2,295.85
Interest for the year 1956	69.38
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 2,365.23

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 271.27
Interest for the year 1956	8.88
	$ 280.15
Withdrawn	12.00
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 268.15

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 2,000.00

Interest for the year 1956	60.45
	$ 2,060.45
Withdrawn	60.45
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1956	47.23
	$ 1,547.23
Withdrawn	47.23
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1956	45.33
	$ 1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1956	47.23
	$ 1,547.23
Withdrawn	47.23
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,405.61

Interest for the year 1956	46.04
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,451.65

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1956	$ 992.92
Interest for the year 1956	32.50
Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,025.42

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1956

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 31.25
Danvers Savings Bank	65.00
Salem Savings Bank	31.25
Total	$ 127.50

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

JOHN W. PARKHURST

Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Boxford, Mididleton, and Topsfield:

On October 1st, 1956 following many months of careful research and planning, the nine-member Regional School District Planning Board set forth its findings and recommendations for the consideration of the voting citizens in the towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield. An overwhelming majority in each of the three towns voted in favor of the recommended regional plan.

Directly following the October Special Town Meetings each member town's moderator re-appointed the same members of the team previously known as the Regional District School Planning Committee to the Interim Regional District School Committee, which is to continue the activities until the Regular Committee is elected at the March Town Meeting.

In the ensuing four months this Regional Committee covered a great amount of work — detailed in nature, wide in scope and with considerable speed, in view of the needs for which the program is intended.

This writing affords the member towns a brief accounting of the progress made to date.

To provide for proper legal protection of all activities, the Committee early decided to employ a legal counsel experienced in the field of regional school affairs.

To assist in keeping the records of the meetings and to carry on the necessary correspondence promptly, the services of a stenographer were acquired.

Because of the many ramifications involved in the initial planning, it was necessary for the nine-member committee to handle certain parts of the program through sub-committees. A sub-committee was appointed to develop the educational specifications, and to carry on the necessary conferences with the Department of Education and other educational leaders.

Superintendents Johnson, Dower, and Smith of the three member towns are contributing invaluably to this committee. A Site Committee responsible for a thorough study of every possible school site was appointed to carry on this work. Thirteen site studies were carefully investigated and surveyed by the committee. During the last week in January of 1957 an option on the property presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. McComiskey on Endicott Street in Boxford was executed.

In terms of location this site is ideally situated, being near where the three towns meet. The approaches from all directions are good. Access to the town water of Topsfield, which is very close, is thus obtained, and its use will provide an adequate supply of water and will materially reduce the cost of fire insurance. The land is virtually clear of obstructions and the terrain is such that it will lend itself well to the location of a proper school building.

After interviewing a considerable number of architects, the firm of Rich and Tucker Associates of Boston was selected to perform the architectural services. The Committee's preliminary discussions with the architects have led it to believe that a school building meeting the educational needs of the district will result.

Interviews have been carried out in connection with engineering survey and test boring services. These services must be accomplished prior to architectural sketches. By the time this report is in your hands this stage of the work will have been finished, and the architectural sketches should be nearly completed.

The planning aid money, appropriated at the October 1, 1956 Special Town Meetings, totaling $55,500.00, has been received and deposited in the District's account. Of this amount the Committee has invested $40,000.00 in 90-day U.S. Treasury Bills at a yield in excess of 3%. Until certain known expenditures become due, it is felt that a portion of the district's account should be invested in this manner in order to realize earnings.

In its quest of a name for the school district the Committee had extended discussions and a number of names were considered. To achieve a name that had a meaning for the three towns was somewhat difficult. However, upon searching the historical background of the towns it was found that an Indian sagamore, at the time of settlement, held claim to the lands of all three towns. Hence, the name of that Indian chief or sagamore, "Masconomet," was chosen.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all the citizens and officals of the three towns who have been most generous and helpful to the Committee in assisting it in carrying on its work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON HOLMAN, Chairman

RICHARD E. QUINN, Vice-Chairman

RICHARD BOWLER, JR., Secretary-Treasurer

ROSAMOND L. BARSTABLE

ROSAMOND L. LORD

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS, SR.

JOHN R. ROBERTSON

ROBERT T. SPERRY

GODFREY G. TORREY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Laurence Frizzell, Chairman — Term expires 1957
Washngton St., West Boxford — Tel. DR 2-7383

Richard Bowler, Secretary — Term expires 1959
Ipswich Road, Boxford — Tel. TU 7-5025

John S. Haywood — Term expires 1958
Ipswich Road, Boxford — Tel. TU 7-2895

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson
Jackson Way, Georgetown — Tel. FLeetwood 2-3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Fred J. Nahil, M.D.
Georgetown, Mass. — Tel. FLeetwood 2-3081

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield, Mass.

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

Archer French
Boxford, Mass.

Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade*
Joseph Ritchie	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Gladys MacPherson	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Helen Chadwick	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Lelia Millay	Harry Lee Cole	1, 2
Harriet Edwards	Aaron Wood	4
Ruth Morin	Aaron Wood	5
Dorothy Carver	Gardner Morse	1, 2
Bernice Billewicz	Gardner Morse	3
Gretchen Sanderson	Art Supervisor	
Marcia Tatarunis	Music Supervisor	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The spring term of school this past year was very satisfactory. The school year ended with a very pleasant ceremony, graduating a record number of students.

During the summer the roads and parking areas around all the school buildings were resurfaced. The Gardner Morse School was redecorated inside. The outside steps and platform of the Aaron Wood School were replaced.

When school reopened in the fall the vacancy for the permanent fourth grade teaching position had not been fulfilled. Mrs. Hills substituted in this grade for a few weeks until a permanent teacher was obtained. Early in the fall the well that served the Aaron Wood School and the Harry Lee Cole School failed and it was necessary to drill a new well. The School Committee is very grateful to Mr. Frank Viera for his immediate response in answer to this emergency. Similar cooperation from others enabled us to keep schools in session with very little interruption.

The management of the hot lunch program and the quality and preparation of the meals being served continues to be a financial self-sustaining enterprise along lines of top success. To meet the increasing demands of this program the kitchen recently has been augmented with a new deep freeze locker and electric range.

It is the desire and intent of the School Committee to expand the hot lunch program in the near future to handle the requirements of the Gardner Morse pupils in the west end of town.

Mr. John Branch, the principal at the Harry Lee Cole School, left us in December for a more promising position. He was replaced by Mr. Joseph Ritchie, who has taught for several years in the Groveland schools.

The athletic program, recently taken over by Mr. Ritchie, continues to expand with even greater participation than in previous years. It is the express aim of our athletic program to develop character and collective co-operation in team spirit, win-lose-or draw.

Late in the fall the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. William Johnson, was obliged to suspend his work for several months due to a serious illness.

Our school program is now on a very commendable level with good transportation, superior bus operators and an excellent teaching staff. All schools operate on an efficient well-organized system that gives the students a balanced mental and physical development.

Our need at the Harry Lee Cole School is further improvement of the playing field and more playground equipment.

Our school population is certain to grow each year as new homes are constructed. Combining the growth of our school enrollment with increased costs in supplies and utilities and the long overdue respect owed to the teacher salary picture, the total cost of school operations continues to rise over preceding years.

The regional junior-senior high school program for the towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield, presently in the planning stages, will be a genuinely relieving answer to the ever increasing tuition problems currently confronting the Boxford School Committee. At present the top four grades are literally "farmed" out to three different high schools in nearby towns. In the past as in the present we have been more than grateful to these neighboring towns for handling our secondary education. However, they too are being pressed to provide much more classroom space to handle their own students. Although this is a problem common in national scope we can be thankful for the current demonstrated move to handle this situation at our local level.

The School Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the townspeople for their continued interest in the education of the children in our town.

LAURENCE D. FRIZZELL, Chairman

JOHN S. HAYWOOD

RICHARD BOWLER, JR., Secretary

School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

My annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1956 is herewith submitted.

It is a year ago since I called your attention to the problems of increasing school enrolment and teacher salary needs. I referred you to my report for the year 1955 and stated that enrolment in our elementary grades continued to grow in 1956 and will continue to increase further in 1957. High School enrolment has increased as anticipated and will be greater than ever in September 1957. The trend of teacher salaries continues upward, requiring greater budget estimates in this area as well as in our estimate for tuition, since tuition rates reflect costs in communites to which we tuition our high school pupils.

There were two changes in our teaching staff during 1956: Miss Harriet Edwards, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, replaced Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, who resigned as teacher of the fourth grade at the end of June 1956 and Mr. Joseph Ritchie, of Haverhill, replaced Mr. John Branch as teaching principal of Boxford Village in December. Mr. Ritchie was a teacher in the upper elementary grades at Groveland prior to coming to Boxford and has a Masters Degree from Boston College.

Pupil progress in the Boxford Schools continues on a high level. The record of Boxford pupils in the high schools which they attend reflects the adequacy of their elementary preparation.

The acceptance of the regional school as a permanent solution of our secondary school problem was a great educational step in Boxford and the two other communities involved. Part ownership in a school, not only guarantees a secondary school for our pupils but also provides for Boxford participation in the policy making of the secondary school which its pupils attend for the first time.

In closing, I extend my appreciation to the School Committee, Town Officials, Parents and Teachers for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music for the school year of 1956.

For the past few years our basic music texts have been the American Singer, grades one through five, and the American singer plus the Ginn Series, grades six through eight. By the end of the sixth grade, children should have acquired the following:

1. Pleasure in participating in singing, dancing, dramatizing and musical games.
2. Developed a repertory of songs.
3. Ability to sing alone as well as with others. Having facility in parts as well as unison singing.
4. Ability to hear, imitate, see, and read many simple chordal and scale-wise progressions found in songs.
5. Ability to read and interpret rhythmic patterns found in songs.
6. Ability to use his imagination in creating both melodies and verses to songs as well as creating pictures to music heard.
7. Pleasure in listening to music performed by others as well as recordings.

8. Introduction to simple rhythmic instruments as well as those commonly employed in the band and the orchestra.

Grades seven and eight meet three times weekly where the appreciation and enjoyment of music is increased and developed.

In June, a successful presentation of the operetta "Creatures of Impulse" was staged by grades six, seven, and eight, followed by eighth grade graduation exercises.

The P.T.S. purchased a three-speed portable phonograph with the proceeds from this operetta. The phonograph is available to any classroom as needed.

For the cooperation given me by you and all the teachers of Boxford, I am very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) MARCIA TATARUNIS,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The art program in the Town of Boxford consists of a weekly visit to each room; the lower grades having half an hour while the upper ones have forty-five minutes. This includes East and West Boxford. Alternate lessons are planned for the classroom teacher.

The showcase in the Harry Lee Cole School has served as an opportunity for the Junior High students to experiment with the Window Display this year. Ideas are thought out, committees formed, and a deadline set for the display. This

is a practical application of theories learned during the art lessons.

Freedom of expression is encouraged in all grades, but a foundation of the laws of design, and the principles of sound composition, are constantly stressed. Successful methods for care of pupil tools used in art are emphasized, in order that equipment, such as watercolor boxes, brushes, etc. are preserved. Without proper care, supplies quickly deteriorate.

In the lower grades paper cutting and construction form a large factor in developing coordination. The results of these are often in the form of holiday and classroom decorations

Various media are used to keep the child's interest and imagination vivid, offering each child the advantage of expression with contrasting methods. The following are a few examples: painting, drawing, cutting, constructing, finger-painting, potato printing, compositon, chalk, watercolor, figure drawing, paper sculpture, etc.

In the upper grades more advanced media are introduced, such as: speed ball lettering, poster work, drawing board simple perspective, fabric stencilling, advanced paper sculpture, watercolor advanced color theory, pencil technique, simple stage scenery, advanced lettering, simple model work of buildings, and decorative paper design.

May I at this time express gratitude for the friendliness and cooperation of the principal and teachers of both schools in Boxford and the school department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) GRETCHEN S. SANDERSON,

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

We herewith submit our annual report as school physician and nurse for the Town of Boxford.

This has been a very busy year in the health department due to increased enrolment and the advent of the Salk Vaccine.

Diphtheria-tetanus immunizations:

During the spring of this year, pupils in all grades were inoculated against diphtheria-tetanus infection.

Salk Vaccine:

During the month of February, the pupils selected to be given the vaccine by the National Polio Foundation were given their second inoculation. With vaccine for polio inoculations becoming more plentiful in the spring, all pupils so desiring, up to the age of 15, were immunized. The second dose was given in July.

The 15 to 19 year group response within the town was low, because of the enrolment in out-of-town high schools. These towns provided for the inoculations.

T. B. Patch testing:

A request was received from the Essex County Health Associaton in December to start a 5 year testing program in the schools to include children in the first, fourth and seventh grades. This was accomplished with 100 per cent cooperation on the part of children and parents.

Pre-School Clinic:

The attendance at these clinics in May attests to the value placed on having children receive their physical examinations before entering the first grade.

We wish to thank all teachers for their cooperation this year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. NAHIL, M.D.
School Physician

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.
School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Robert Doucette
Sue Godfrey
Kay Galloway
Priscilla Owen
Carolyn Schott

Juniors

Sandra Nolan
Warren Schott
Scott Nolan
Judy Melzard

Sophomores

Bruce Godfrey
Jon Haywood
Virginia Durkee
Joyce Lenfestey
Deborah Munsell
Anne Perkins
Helen Phillips
David Trask

Freshmen

Carol Cronis
Daniel Cronis
John Galloway
Barbara Haywood
Judy Owen
Karen Waters

Grade 8

Christina Stahlbrand

Grade 4

Orden Owen

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

James Butler
William Hartwell
Robert Millay
Davida Morin
Stuart Troop

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING NORTH ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Gloria Berube
Kathleen Greenler
Brenda Spofford
Herbert Whittemore

Juniors

Edward Colby
Leonard Despres
George Emery
Michael Greenler
Kimball Harris
Robert Hoogerzeil
Charles Mattraw
Robert Richardson
Constance Blake
Judith French
Patricia Gamans

Sophomores

Eric Bergstrom
Charles Campbell
Allan MacQueen
William Paulson
Peter Perkins
William Shappell
Alice Fowler
Janet French
Elizabeth Hartwell
Sarah Lord
Linda Smith

Freshmen

Helen Bergstrom
Guy Butler
Mary Campbell
Rodney Chadwick
Janet Cotton
Peter Dineen
Stephen Freedman
Sally French
Nancy Genest
Joanne Greenler
Donna Hammond
Patricia Hebb
Douglas Knapp
Janet Lane
Margaret Mattraw
John McGrath
Earl McKeen
Martha Meeker
Frances Moulton
Marianne Moulton
Marion Page
Vicki Peabody
Anne Perkins
Elwood Pratt
Joan Smith
Sandra Wood
Herbert Vrettos

HARRY LEE COLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

June 7, 1956

Helen Bergstrom
Stanley Brown
Charlotte Hitchcock
Douglas Knapp

Guy Butler
Mimi Campbell
John Chadwick
Rodney Chadwick
Janet Cotton
Carol Cronis
Danny Cronis
Peter Dineen
Sally French
Stephen Freedman
John Galloway
Joanne Greenler
Nancy Genest
Donna Hammond
Barrie Haywood
Patricia Hebb
Wendy Lane
Richard Lilly
Margaret Mattraw
John McGrath
Earl McKeen
Martha Meeker
Frances Moulton
Marianne Moulton
Marion Page
Vicki Peabody
Anne Perkins
Elwood Pratt
Joan Smith
Herbert Vrettos
Karen Waters
Sandra Wood

Diplomas presented by Laurence Frizzell of the Boxford School Committee.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1956

HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	14	—	—	—	—	12	5	13	44
Girls	14	—	—	—	—	10	10	9	43
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	28	—	—	—	—	22	15	22	87

AARON WOOD

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	—	—	—	13	12	—	—	—	25
Girls	—	—	—	14	15	—	—	—	29
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	27	27	—	—	—	54

GARDNER MORSE

Boys	—	13	13	—	—	—	—	—	26
Girls	—	16	11	—	—	—	—	—	27

—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	29	24	—	—	—	—	—	53

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16 or over	Totals
Boys	38	108	10	156
Girls	37	122	8	167
	75	230	18	323

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1957

ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent's Salary	$ 1,920.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	240.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	700.00	
Supervisor of Attendance	20.00	
School Committee Expense	100.00	
		$ 2,980.00

INSTRUCTIONAL:

Teachers' Salaries	$31,400.00	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,820.00	
Substitutes	500.00	
Books	1,000.00	
Supplies	1,500.00	
Supervisors' Expense	200.00	
Libraries	300.00	
		$36,720.00

OPERATIONAL:

Janitors' Salaries	$ 2,900.00	
Fuel	3,100.00	
Electricity	1,050.00	
Janitor Supplies	500.00	
Telephones	200.00	
		$ 7,750.00

HEALTH:		
Physician	$ 300.00	
Nurse	450.00	
Supplies	50.00	
		$ 800.00
Tuition		30,000.00
Transportation		12,500.00
Maintenance		3,340.00
Insurance		1,200.00
Equipment		1,400.00
Graduation		100.00
Physical Education		400.00
Improvements		1,025.00
TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS		$98,215.00

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1957

Chapter 70, as amended	$10,998.34
Superintendent of Schools	892.00
Transportation	10,000.00
	$21,890.34
NET COST OF SCHOOLS	$76,324.66

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The full impact of the cost of education, including physical facilities, will not be realized until the year 1958. In reviewing the largest proposed budget in the history of the Town of Boxford, it is clear that over fifty percent of our intended expenditures for the fiscal year 1957 are allocated for school purposes. Needless to say, the tax rate for the coming year will also be the highest in the history of the Town.

Every department has cooperated in holding down costs. Our townspeople should be particularly grateful to the department heads in this regard. Various items pertaining to Aid and Relief have been reduced considerably, as well as certain Road items.

A request has been presented to the Selectmen to increase the membership of the Finance Committee to a total of five members.

J. GAINES BOLTON, Chairman

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR.

CHARLES R. RICH, Secretary

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Harry L. Cole School, Boxford, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to bor-

row money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 9. To appropriate $484.78 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will enact a new Building Code By-Laws or take any action in the matter.

Article 12. To see what action the town may take relative to authorizing the Town of Topsfield to supply water within the boundaries of the Town of Boxford, particularly to the proposed new Regional School.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to repair and improve a section of Topsfield Road under Chapter 90, and to appropriate therefor the sum of $3,000.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $32,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway

relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint at this meeting a committee for the preservation of the distinctive character and unique beauty of the Town of Boxford, said committee, consisting of one member of the Planning Board of Boxford, one member of the Boxford Historical Society, one member of the Board of Directors of the Taxpayers' Association of Boxford and two residents on Topsfield Road in Boxford, to be initially concerned with the proposed conversion of Topsfield Road to a main road through Boxford, and to report its recommendations to a special town meeting not less than three or more than six months from the date of the 1957 annual town meeting.

Article 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Tuesday, March 5th next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator; Selectman for three years; Assessor of Taxes for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Constable, East Parish, one year; Constable, West Parish, one year; Highway Surveyor, East Parish, one year; Highway Surveyor, West Parish, one year; Tree Warden, one year; one member of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Regional District School Committee for three years and one member of the Regional School Committee for two years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses

in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Selectmen of Boxford

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1957

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	1,650.00
Registrars	150.00
Elections	200.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	650.00
Wire Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	25.00
Planning Board	25.00
Board of Health	1,150.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	3,000.00
Forest Warden	2,000.00
Fire Warden	1,500.00
Tree Warden	900.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	880.00

AID AND RELIEF

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Old Age Assistance)	
Aid to Dependent Children)	
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

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West Parish Library	300.00

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FOR THE

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Together With the

Report of the School Committee and the

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for the

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1958
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1959
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 19960

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1958
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1959
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960

TOWN TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1958

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1959
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1959

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John Stuart Haywood	Term expires 1958
Richard Bowler, Jr.	Term expires 1959
Louis Vrettos	Term expires 1960

BOARD OF HEALTH

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1958
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1959
Stephen Maddock, M.D.	Term expires 1960

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst Harry E. Trask
Richard P. Chadwick

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley Term expires 1959

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler D.V.M.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.	Term expires 1959
Merton S. Barrows	Term expires 1960

PLANNING BOARD

Charles P. A. Nelson	Term expires 1958
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1959
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960
William E. Dorman	Term expires 1960
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1961
Warren R. Godfrey	Term expires 1961
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1962

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1958
Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1959
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1960

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1958
Charles Rich	Term expires 1959
John G. Bolten	Term expires 1957

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Richard P. Chadwick	Term expires 1958
Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1959
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1960

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Ronald Houldsworth — Term expires 1959
Richard A. Spofford — Term expires 1960

SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French
Chester A. Leighton
E. Preston Gould
Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.
Charles H. Getchell
Earle Blake
Cecil Farnsworth

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson
Horace D. Moore
Ernest M. Mortimer
Francis S. Smith
John F. Berg

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1955 census), 1177.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is Charles S. Marston, 3rd, 309 E. Broadway, Haverhill, Mass.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 13 Forest Street, Danvers, Massachusetts.

The Building Inspector is Henry W. Nason, Washington Street, West Boxford, Telephone - Haverhill, DRake 2-2320.

The Wire Inspector is Herbert W. Sperry, Main Street, West Boxford, Telephone - Haverhill, DRake 2-7649.

The Sanitary Engineer is Tracy I. Flagg, 111 Collins Street, Danvers. Telephone (evenings) - SPring 4-4979.

LIST OF JURORS—1957-1958

Bradbury, Kenneth E., retired, Main Street, West Boxford.
Burgson, Joseph, retired, Brook Road, West Boxford.
Cassino, Harold L., retired, Elm Street, Boxford.
Cochrane, Frederick E., caretaker, Washington Street, West Boxford.
Gould, Frank N., retired, Middleton Road, Boxford.
Gould, George Arthur, accountant, Topsfield Road, Boxford.
Gray, James P., Poultryman, Georgetown Road, Boxford.
Haynes, Winthrop P., retired, Main Street, Boxford.
Leighton, Chester A., machinist, Washington Street, West Boxford.
Shaw, Frederick J., retired, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.
Thomas, Catherine, housewife, Baldpate Road, Boxford.
Wheeler, Beatrice B., office executive, Washington Street, West Boxford.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The voters of the Town of Boxford met on March 4, 1957, at 8:00 p.m. in the Harry Lee Cole School for their annual Town Meeting. After a brief prayer by Rev. William O. Hoover, the business meeting was conducted by William J. Greenler, the moderator. The action taken was as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees, as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the budget as printed in the Town Report.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted unanimously to allow bills of charge and raise and appropriate $109.79 to pay for them as follows: Boxford Community Store, $11.96; Roberts Contracting Co., $22.50; Building Inspector, $23.80; and Wire Inspector, $51.80.

Article 7. Voted to continue the same rate of compensation for labor in the several departments as last year.

Voted that all town labor working 25 weeks a year or its equivalent on an 8-hour day, 5-day week basis, be granted one week off a year with pay. Furthermore, all full-time help shall be granted two weeks off a year with pay, and said vacation time shall be taken off in order to receive compensation; also, all full-time help shall be granted five holidays with pay, namely January 1, May 30, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. In the event that circumstances require said labor to work on the preceding holidays, and recipient of said holiday pay shall be required to take 8 hours off at the earliest possible time after said holiday. The time of such time off shall be left in the hands of the respective department heads so that no disruption of service will occur.

Article 8. Voted to authorize the assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate $484.78 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, said amount to be divided equally between the libraries in the two ends of town.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of same.

Article 11. Voted unanimously to enact a new building code by-law as presented in mimeographed form, with one amendment as follows: Under Article V, Section 1, dealing with Foundations, replace the line "If of concrete . . . not less than eight inches thick" with the line "If of concrete, not less than ten inches thick for full height cellar walls, and not less than eight inches thick for walls not over four feet high."

Article 12. Voted to petition the State Legislature, if necessary to authorize the Town of Boxford to grant the Town of Topsfield permission to extend its water system solely to the proposed regional school.

Article 13. Voted that the proposed construction on Topsfield Road be referred to the Planning Board and the Selectmen for study, and that included in the recommendations of the Planning Board in this matter, to be presented within four months, there be an additional recommendation concerning the advisability of having a master plan of the town made, and a recommendation regarding how this master plan may be accomplished.

Article 14. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue $32,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways and any other highway relocation, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 15. Voted to pass over.

Article 16. Voted that two bouquets of flowers decorating the stage be given to the oldest residents of each parish.

Voted to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

BUDGET ADOPTED IN 1957

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Collector	1,650.00
Registrars	150.00
Elections	200.00
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Building Inspector	650.00
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Finance Committee	25.00
Planning Board	25.00
Board of Health	1,150.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

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Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
*Essex Sanatorium	1,486.72
Interest on Maturing Debt	3,000.00
School House Note	7,000.00
Community House	200.00
Morse House	75.00
Land Damage	160.00
	$195,797.33

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on June 14, 1957 at 8 p.m. with about 65 people present. After a prayer by Rev. William O. Hoover, the meeting was conducted by William J. Greenler, the moderator, and the following business was transacted:

Article 1. Voted to pass over.

Article 2. Voted to transfer the sum of $200.00 to Essex Welfare District and $400.00 to Board of Health, both amounts to come from $600.00 appropriated for the libraries under Article 10 at the last annual meeting.

Article 3. Voted to accept the recommendations of the Planning Board in regard to the improvement and relocation of a portion of Topsfield Road under provision of Chapter 90, and to instruct the Selectmen to carry out the above improvement with funds available from Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

Article 4. Voted that the sum of $1000 available from Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, be used for the repair and improvement of Baldpate Road under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 5. Voted unanimously to enact the following by-law under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21A:

Section I. All officers and employees of the town paid on the basis of time worked, except those appointed by the School Committee, shall be entitled to vacation leave without loss of pay as follows: (a) For 1000 hours worked during the twelve months ending June 1 of any year forty hours leave. (b) For each 200 hours worked in excess of 1000 during the twelve months ending June 1 of each year, 8 hours leave. No time shall be counted in units of less than 200 hours. (c) The maximum leave allowable shall be eighty hours in one year, regardless of time worked, and shall be taken during the twelve months after it is earned; and no vacation leave shall be allowed any employee who works less than 1000 hours during the twelve months ending June 1st of any year. (d) Employees working for more than one department during the twelve months ending June 1st may combine the working time in the several departments for the purpose of computing the amount of vacation leave earned: but in such case the rate of pay while on vacation leave shall be computed by apportioning and pro-rating the rates of pay at which such employee worked for the several departments.

Section II. Employees of the town who have worked 1000 hours during the six months immediately preceding Jan. 1st, May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas shall be entitled to leave on such days without loss of pay equivalent to eight hours of work. If such 1000 hours worked were at different rates of pay, the pay for such holiday shall be apportioned and prorated accordingly. Employees who shall have worked at least 500 hours but less than 1000 hours during the six months immediately preceding said holidays shall be entitled to leave with pay on such holidays equivalent to four hours of work, similarly apportioned if earned at different rates of pay.

Section III. Leave for the current year shall be granted on the basis of time worked during the twelve months next preceding the effective date of the by-law, at the rate set forth in Section I.

Article 6. Voted the sum of $1,150.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, to be allocated between Highways and the Town Accountant's Appropriations.

Article 7. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to carry out the resolution in regard to recreational facilities as voted under Article 23 of the annual Town Meeting of March 5, 1955 and to report to the town within six months of this date.

Voted to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Dec. 6, 1957 at 8 p.m. with about 55 voters present. After a moment of silent prayer the meeting was conducted by William J. Greenler, Jr., moderator, and the following business was transacted:

Article 1. The Board of Selectmen reported that they had investigated the following sites for a town bathing beach: the Boys Scouts property off Topsfield Road; a large pool opposite the Townsend Farm in Fish Brook; the George Clay Beach at Stiles Pond; and land on Depot Pond near Roundtop on the Kelsey property. It was voted that the matter be referred to the Planning Board with instructions to investigate further and to report at the next annual town meeting.

Dr. Stephen J. Maddock reported that the Board of Health had several recommendations for improving the

appearance of the town dump, and making it more sanitary, but no action was taken.

Article 2. Voted to accept as public ways, Chapman Road, Roundtop Road, and Campground Road as shown on Plan of Land belonging to Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., dated February 11, 1955, Frederick T. Weed, professional engineer, approved as a subdivision by the Planning Board on June 24, 1955.

Article 3. Voted to accept as public ways the roads on the development known as Holiday Hill off Georgetown Road, Boxford, belonging to the Stockman Trust per plan dated Sept. 30, 1955, Frederick T. Weed, professional engineer, approved as a subdivision by the Planning Board. This subdivision includes Stage Coach Road and Hillside Road.

Article 4. Voted to accept Silverbrook Road, so called, located between Topsfield Road and Lockwood Lane, as a public way.

Article 5. Voted to transfer the sum of $252.52 from the Interest and Loans account to the Central Essex Welfare District.

Article 6. Voted to transfer the sum of $600.00 from the Insurance Account; $200.00 to Fire Warden and $400.00 to Forest Warden.

Article 7. Voted to rescind the vote taken under Article 4 of the June 14, 1957 meeting, and to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to be used for the repair and improvement of Topsfield Road under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 8. Voted to re-appropriate the sum of $150.00, unused of the appropriation made for the improvement of

Depot Road, for the repair and improvement of Baldpate Road in conjunction with other funds made available by the State and County.

Article 9. Voted to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED DURING 1957

Date		Name	Parents' Name
1956			
Nov.	7	Lois Marion Kelley	Herbert E. Kelley Patricia E. Eldridge
Dec.	3	William Robert Cargill, Jr.	William R. Cargill Mary L. Waters
Dec.	21	Jeffrey Norman Brown	Donald E. Brown Marjorie F. Connors
Dec.	21	Kenneth William Gould	George A. Gould Ione Maebelle McGray
Dec.	29	Tawny Ventre	James Ventre Beverly Jean Spooner
1957			
Jan.	2	Susan Fay Saunders	Donald Richard Saunders Jeanne Anne Garry
Jan.	8	Baby Brann	Edward Brann Shirley Tappan
Jan.	24	Steven Ronald Moore	Ronald L. Moore Natalie R. Tidd
Jan.	23	Timothy Richard Tyson	Donald R. Tyson Carol E. Pratt
Feb.	13	Robert Stone Stuart	Wallis E. Stuart Carol Parsons

Feb. 19	Thomas Richard Hagen	Richard B. Hagen Marjorie B. McKay
Mar. 9	Michelle Grace Dudley	Ralph Albert Dudley, Jr. Charlotte Ann Kelley
Mar. 16	Peter Harris	Gordon Harris Mary Shirley Cail
Apr. 23	Charles Parker Bond	Charles Dailey Bond Janet Parker
May 18	Edmund Arthur Donnan	David Hibbs Donnan Amelia A. Rogers
May 21	Nancy Ruth Hartdorn	Laurence L. Hartdorn Alta B. Dodson
June 11	Richard John Wyner	Joseph Wyner Janice Purrier
June 16	Richard Bryant Roland	Richard W. Roland Virginia D. Saunders
June 19	Susan MacLennan	Wallace A. MacLennan Elizabeth A. Hosley
July 1	Barbara Gingrande	Arthur Gingrande Louise Blakely
July 10	Cynthia Lee Shaw	Frederick R. Shaw Betty P. Hyatt
July 22	Andrew Allen Minich	Devitt Talmage Minich Caroln Stanford Bates
Aug. 21	Brian Christopher Kelley	Edgar Lee Kelley Martha M. Lafabrique
Aug. 29	Lucy Griffin	Richard K. Griffin Lucille K. Terry
Oct. 8	James William McCarthy	William A. McCarthy Carole A. Greenlaw
Oct. 30	Malcom Merrill Stone, 3rd	Malcom Merrill Stone, Jr. Constance Ann Crocker
Nov. 11	Kathleen Berg	John F. Berg Dorothy E. Moylan
Nov. 11	Frederica Seavey Lofquist	Alden A. Lofquist, Jr. Frederica S. Jacobs
Nov. 16	Robert Edward King, Jr.	Robert E. King Dorothy J. Arkinson

Nov.	30	Robert Lawrence Hebb	Robert Hebb Shirley Eastman
Dec.	14	Baby Green	Robert Nelson Green Eleanor May O'Malley

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING 1957

Date		Names	Residence
Jan.	18	Arnold B. Perris	Boston
		Norma R. Hilyard	Boxford
Feb.	2	Stephen James Maddock	Boxford
		Marion Margot Hunter	New Haven, Conn.
Mar.	9	James Robert Hamilton	Stoneham
		Meredythe Gail Osgood	Boxford
May	4	Kent Hartt Waring	Boxford
		Nancy Esther Maxwell	Saugus
May	18	Robert F. Northrup	No. Andover
		Joan B. Houldsworth	W. Boxford
June	15	Richard Harold Graves	Andover
		Helen Elizabeth Doucette	W. Boxford
June	15	Daniel P. McLaughlin	No. Andover
		Helen F. Greenler	W. Boxford
June	15	Eugene R. Hawley	Amherst
		Marcia L. Cotton	Boxford
June	29	Ralph M. Titus	Boxford
		E. Diana Tagg	Topsfield
Aug.	10	Richard Clyde Hardy	Topsfield
		Priscilla Joan Owen	Boxford
Aug.	16	George S. Day	Boxford
		Dorothy Doloris Gunther	Malden
Aug.	17	Alan Dunlap Poulson	Miami, Florida
		Nancy Childs	Boxford
Oct.	25	Vincent D. Greco	W. Boxford
		Mary A. Soucy	Georgetown
Dec.	21	Julian E. Reynolds	S. Gastonbury
		Marjorie Gould	Boxford

DEATHS RECORDED DURING 1957

Date		Name	Yr.	M.	D.
1956					
Dec.	14	Ellen (Fairweather) Cole	85	2	15

Dec. 18	George E. Carver	87	4	27
Dec. 25	Eugene F. Russell	71	5	26
Dec. 29	Ruth M. Burgson	56	—	—
1957				
Jan. 12	Ida M. Morse	91	2	7
Jan. 13	Ernest Peabody	83	1	2
Mar. 20	Arthur A. Auger	79	—	7
Apr. 19	Bruce A. MacLean	39	8	17
Aug. 11	May W. Draper	83	—	15
Aug. 16	Bertha Brown	87	11	18
Sept. 22	Ellen T. (Hannon) McGregor	90	4	17
Dec. 18	Baby Green	—	—	—
Dec. 22	Grace A. Pickett	68	4	13
Dec. 28	Susan B. (Chichester) Blake	82	3	28
Dec. 28	Robert B. Hebb	68	6	17

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

102 Male @ $2.00	$204.00
17 Female @ $5.00	85.00
45 Spayed @ $2.00	90.00
8 $10 Kennel @ $10.00	80.00
4 $25 Kennel @ $25.00	100.00
Total	$559.00

FEES HELD BY TOWN CLERK

85 licenses @ $0.20	$17.00	
91 licenses @ $0.25	22.75	
		$ 39.75
Amount turned over to Town Treasurer		$519.25

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

89 Fishing @ $3.25	$289.25
51 Hunting @ $3.25	165.75
29 Sporting @ $5.25	152.25
19 Fishing (Minor) @ $1.25	23.75
20 Fishing (Female) @ $2.25	45.00

1 Trapping (Minor) @ $2.25	2.25
1 Trapping @ $7.75	7.75
2 Non-resident Fishing (3 day) @ $2.75	5.50
3 Non-resident Fishing @ $7.75	23.25
3 Duplicate @ $.50	1.50
5 Sporting (Free)	
Total Amount Received	$716.25
Town Clerk fees 218 licenses at $.25	54.50
Turned over to Division of Fisheries and Game	$661.75

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

No. of Persons Assessed	Indiv.	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	6	4	10
On Real Estate Only	469	11	480
On Both Personal and Real Estate	121	3	124
Total Number of Persons Assessed			614
Number of Polls Assessed			420

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:		
Stock in Trade	$ 4,800.00	
Machinery	10,000.00	
Live Stock	7,452.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	289,640.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Property		$311,892.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land Exclusive of Buildings	$ 468,970.00	
Buildings Exclusive of Land	1,686,385.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$2,155,355.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		$2,467,247.00

Tax Rate per $1,000 = $65.00

Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes, including Overlay:		
On Personal Estate	$ 20,272.98	
On Real Estate	140,098.61	
On Polls	840.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		$161,211.59
Number of Live Stock Assessed:		
Horses (1 year or older)	18	
Neat Cattle: (1 year old, or over)		
Cows (Milch)	103	
Bulls	1	
Yearlings: steers	2	
Swine (6months old or over)	319	
Sheep (6 months old or over)	85	
Fowl	36,347	
All Other (Mink)	500	
Number of Acres of Land Assesed		14,189
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed		453
Commissioner's Value of Motor Vehicles		$460,380.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles Assessed		24,141.20
Number of Vehicles Assessed		774

Motor Vehicle Excise Rate = $57.10

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

Board of Assessors.

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

Mrs. Alexander Price, President

Mr. Laurence D. Frizzell, Vice-President

Miss Ruby F. Nason, Secretary

Mrs. Richard Spofford, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Alexander Price, Chairman

Capt. Richard P. Chadwick Mr. E. Laurence Colby

The library is open to the public every Wednesday and Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

The circulation of books in the past year is as follows: Fiction, 1,256; Non-fiction, 1,317; Children's books, 1,559, making a total circulation of 4,132.

The number of books added to the library was 257, of these, 228 were purchased, and 24 were presented.

Books now in the library collection numbers 9,407.

The State Reading certificate program continues to be successful. At the end of the school year, 58 certificates, 18 of which were honor certificates, were awarded to pupils in grades 4 through 8.

The Library Thrift Shop again proved its helpfulness by aiding the Library in the purchase of books at a cost of $208.39.

The plastic book covers now being used by the library were a gift from the Thrift Shop.

To establish a book fund for the Library in memory of

Ruth M. Burgson, $100 was presented to the Library Association by the Thrift Shop in September.

Those gifts to the Library were made possible by the efforts of the Thrift Shop Committee and others in the Village who were generous with their time and donations of articles to sell.

To all who assisted in any way to make the library helpful in 1957, may we say "thank you".

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,

Librarian.

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Winthrop P. Haynes, President
Milton E. Lord, Vice-President
Esther K. Perley, Secretary
Charles J. Kittredge, Jr., Treasurer
Ellsworth D. Comins, Jr. Margaret Lane
Seth L. Kelsey Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.
Robert B. Parkhurst

LIBRARIANS

Bertha Perley Lucy Parkhurst

Library Hours - Thursday and Saturday afternoons, 2:30-5:30.

It is gratifying to those who have worked to make the Library of more service and interest in the community, to find that there has been a good increase in the number of people who have come to the Library and made use of its facilities. New residents and more children have become regular visitors and have helped increase the circulation of

books and magazines. For the year, the total circulation of books was 5,362, not including school deposits, and for magazines, 944. On the State Reading Program for children, 20 Honor Certificates and 153 Five-Book Certificates were awarded. There were 236 books added to the Library collection, 224 by purchase and 12 by gift.

A Library by-law provides that the resident minister serve as a trustee. The Rev. Ellsworth D. Comins, Jr. was welcomed to the board and was asked to serve on the book committee.

A mutual agreement has been signed with the Massachusetts Division of the Library Extension to take advantage of the Regional Bookmobile Service. The headquarters of this state-administered bookmobile service to 29 small towns in Essex and Middlesex Counties is located in North Reading.

The trustees wish to express deep appreciation for all gifts and kind assistance given to the Library by good friends. A wonderful spirit of cooperation and helpfulness has been shown in many ways throughout our community. Urgent repairs to the Library Building were completed through a generous donation from Dr. Maurice H. Shulman and his assistants.

Gifts of fine books have been gratefully received. Noteworthy is the memorial gift, by Mrs. Edwin J. Hipkiss, of her husband's beautifully compiled and illustrated volume on the M. and M. Karolik Collection, entitled "Eighteenth-Century American Arts." Mr. Hipkiss, former Curator of Decorative Arts at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, was the advisor on the redecoration of the First Church, Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1957

Some surveying was done to clear the southwest line—measuring and placing of cedar posts. Also on October 16th clearing and measuring bearings, etc., by Robert B. Parkhurst and helper. A number of iron posts were driven to mark a permanent boundary line. One-half of the cost to the town of Boxford was $46.25. The balance of the $400. appropriated for 1957 was used in improving and extending wood roads, and thinning hard wood growth. About 11 cords of small stove size wood was sold for $55, and we still have ten to fifteen cords left to sell next season.

The Town Forest is becoming a beautiful spot for the town to have for future generations. Considerable building is going on all around it.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS, Chairman
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
WINTHROP P. HAYES
Town Forest Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:

This past year we were very fortunate in not having any hurricanes.

There are a lot of dead Ash Trees that will have to be cut down and some trimming to do.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	7
Beam scales	1
Computing scales	3
Spring scales	9
Balance scales	1
Gasoline meters	4
Grease pumps	1
Steel tapes	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Total number of permits issued for 1957

	Number	Value
Permits granted for new houses	31	$485,900
Permits granted for additions	11	38,900
Permits granted for garages	4	4,400
TOTAL	46	$529,200

Inspected each house two to three times; some were inspected more.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,
Building Inspector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED		
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
January	54	226	23	—	12	—
February	42	253	7	1	9	—
March	38	290	3	1	17	—
April	46	277	9	2	16	—
May	41	168	5	2	3	—
June	33	138	10	1	5	—
July	54	200	22	1	14	—
August	54	204	18	1	6	—
September	46	147	16	1	7	1
October	54	226	39	1	14	—
November	48	168	20	2	9	—
December	55	177	12	2	18	—
	565	2474	184	15	130	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

Report for the year 1957:

136 Permits
275 Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,
Wire Inspector.

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gypsy and Browntail Moths were not so numerous this past year. A full spraying program was carried out. The elms were given special attention to help curb the spread of Elm Disease.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE WORK

To the Board of Selectmen:

We have lost a lot of large Elms in the past year. Cutting down and disposing of all dead and diseased trees helps to control this disease. At the present time there seems to be no way to stop the spread of Dutch Elm Disease but cutting down and disposing of the diseased trees.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,

Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 17, 1957

To: The Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

The following is a detailed report of the Police Department Activities for the year 1957.

Motor Vehicle Accidents	42
Special Police Service Calls	83
Ambulance Calls	28
Prosecuted Motor Vehicle Violations	24
Arrests	11
Camp Inspections	12
Complaints (Various)	84
Prowlers	4
House Breaks	5
Recusitator Calls	5
Arson	1
Registry Requests	4
Police Requests (for info. from other depts.)	4
Court Appearances	19
Larceny	6
Mal. Dest. of Property	8
Dog Damage	6
Stolen Cars Recovered	2

Pistol Permits (under new Law)	2
Disturbing Peace	5
Camp Breaks	11
Call to Shoot Injured Horse	1
Arrests by State Police	8

Police activities for the year increased considerably largely due to the increased number of motor vehicle accidents.

The cruiser made twenty-eight runs as an ambulance. Eleven of these trips were of an emergency nature. When the cruiser is called for ambulance service it will be without charge to all townspeople but when used by people out of town there will be a charge for this service.

Regular patrols were maintained throughout the year with more activity during the busy summer months.

Camp inspections have been made at regular intervals during the past year.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, the Fire Department, and all the Townspeople for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE
CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

BOXFORD

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

Average case count	12
Boxford settled	3
State settled	6
Other cities and towns	3

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:
(No settlement in ADC)

Average case count	1 (5 children)

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

(No settlement in DA)

Average case count 3

There is a reduction in the case count for 1957 in Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, and an increase in Disability Assistance.

Medical costs for the year have been reduced due to the lessening number of acutely ill cases.

TOTAL MEDICAL EXPENDITURES:

1956	1957
$6,926.62	$3,144.00

Due to administrative revisions in 1957 some medical services are now paid to the recipients and some to the vendor or person supplying services. These revisions were effective September 1, 1957 and have caused some confusion among the recipients and vendors. The reason for the change was to make more federal money available to the town. A cost of living increase of 5.7% and an increased allowance for fuel and light also became effective September 1, 1957. Another revision was made October 1, 1957 when nursing home rates were increased from $35 per week to $40.25 per week again reflecting increased costs.

The agent wishes to thank all of the town officials and townspeople for their help and cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,

Agent.

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

	N. Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance carried from 1956	$ 20.17	$ 6.20	$ 26.37
Appropriated in 1957, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946			

Raised by the Assessors in 1956 Tax Levy	1,105.00	155.00	1,260.00
Totals	$1,125.17	$161.20	$1,286.37
Expended to December 31, 1957 (A)	1,106.78	155.37	1,262.15
Balance, December 31, 1957	$ 18.39	$ 5.83	$ 24.22

(A) Basis for Apportionment, Chapter 599, Acts of 1945, An act Establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover $9,386,690.00—Per Cent .8769
Boxford 1,317,220.00—Per Cent .1231

District Department of Veterans Services

JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer.

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$1,200.00
New England Tel. & Tel. (Services)	50.65
Veterans Information Service, Frank Ostlin Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans Laws)	9.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer Bonds)	2.50
Total	$1,262.15

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
Agent.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 1, 1958

Board of Selectmen, Boxford, Mass.
Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year 1957 I submit the following report:

Number of places inspected	10
Number of bovine animals	124
Number of sheep	26
Number of horses	7
Number of swine	2

This inspection has been done according to direction of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

East Boxford

21 Grass and Woodland Fires
3 Dump Fires
5 Fires were on Rte. 1
2 Calls to West Boxford

West Boxford

16 Grass and Woodland Fires
2 Dump Fires
3 Calls to East Boxford

There were 52 brush and grass fires, five fires were on Rte. 1,

PLEASE obtain a permit for all OUTDOOR FIRES, there is no charge.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

FIRES

East Boxford—11 Fires

4 Cars, Rte. 1
1 Incinerator
1 Truck Accident, Rte. 1
1 House
1 Chimney
1 Laundry Dryer
1 Wood Kiln
1 Garage

West Boxford—6 Fires

1 Chimney
1 Oil Burner
1 Car
1 House
1 Man Rescued from Pond
1 Call to East Boxford

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Fire Warden.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

January 29, 1958

During 1957, the board approved two small subdivisions containing 2 lots and several land plans creating a number of lots. To date, there is an 18-lot subdivision pending before the board.

There has been no large-scale, tract developing, rather a steady growth on an individual construction basis.

The Board played an aggressive role in guiding the rebuilding of Topsfield Road in order to preserve this attractive entrance to town. The fine cooperation among the town high department, selectmen and state engineers in the course of several conferences has resulted in commendation from the abutters. The Board feels when the shoulders and surface are finished in the spring the objectives of safety and beauty will be realized.

Another major accomplishment in 1957 was the adoption of a strengthened building code, a composite of the best features of codes in a number of fine residential communities.

A proposed lot plan of the so-called Bald Hill area was not approved by the Board because there was reason to doubt that the lots would front on an existing public way. Members of the Board felt it was a proper matter for the court to decide.

Several meetings have been held on the subject of long range planning for the town under the federal assistance program attended by professional planning consultants in an effort to determine a low-cost practical start.

The Board feels it is imperative to adopt a long-range view together with some form of a long-range capital budget program, a necessary step if Boxford is to keep its open look, grow in an orderly fashion and keep some control of the spiraling tax rate.

A study has been started on possible swimming and recreation sites.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON, Chairman
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICH
E. LAWRENCE COLBY
CHARLES P. A. NELSON
WILLIAM E. DORMAN
WARREN GODFREY, Clerk
Planning Board.

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

During 1957 the following services were performed by this Department:

Bonus	52
Discharge (certified copy)	8
Discharge (recorded)	54
Forms notarized	14
Photostats	190
Taxes	30
Annual Income Report	38
Compensation	11
Pension	16
Burial Allowance	12
Education, Training	15
Insurance	8
Medical-Dental	21
Power of Attorney	22
Miscellaneous	36

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE

During the past year Civil Defense has accomplished much in the training and staffing of the Control Center which has been activated five times this year.

The Fire Department was called upon to supply the Town of Manchester with the Fire Department Tank Truck. This was operated in Manchester on a 24 hour basis for three days, and Boxford was highly commended for its action.

Deputy Director Joseph O'Rourke completed training in Light Rescue at the Topsfield Training Center and is qualified to train Rescue Personnel in the Town. It is hoped that those who desire this type of training will contact this department.

The Civil Defense Department is now in constant radio communications with the Sector Headquarters at Tewksbury in any emergency. This will assure the Town of quick dispatch of messages to and from Sector Headquarters. It also allows this department to contact the other towns in the Sector.

The cooperation of the various departments and the officials of the Town during the past year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,

Director of Civil Defense.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

At the end of the year, a number of dogs remained unlicensed.

All money collected for licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The cost of the general relief program decreased in 1957 by approximately 40% from the 1956 high of over $1,200.00. The report of the other types of Aid and Relief will be found in the report of the Central Essex Welfare District.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1952		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957	$ .05	
Audit Adjustment		$ .05
TAXES—1953		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957	$ 347.28	
Interest Collected	34.73	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		$ 329.28
Personal Property		18.00
Interest		34.73
	$ 382.01	$ 382.01
TAXES—1954		
Uncollected Jan 1, 1957	$1,167.06	
Interest Collected	90.17	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		$1,011.75
Personal Property		64.75

Classified Forest Land		16.50
Interest		90.17
Audit adjustments		74.06
	$1,257.23	$1,257.23

TAXES—1955

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957	$4,853.75	
Interest Collected	241.11	
Aduit Adjustments	91.21	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		$ 2.00
Real Estate		3,496.62
Personal Property		403.71
Classified Forest Land		17.82
Motor Vehicle Excise		6.67
Interest		241.11
Abatements:		
Poll		4.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		55.13
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1958		959.01
	$5,186.07	$5,186.07

TAXES—1956

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1957	$ 13,732.51	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	3,281.84	
Interest Collected	156.01	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	99.80	
Real Estate Refund	3.00	
Audit Adjustments	115.36	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		$ 46.00
Real Estate		5,293.50
Personal Property		799.80
Classified Forest Land		5.40
Motor Vehicle Excise		6,231.69
Interest		156.01
Abatements.		

Poll		24.00
Real Estate		33.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		394.72
Audit Adjustments		33.61
Uncollected January 1, 1958		4,370.79
	$ 17,388.52	$ 17,388.52

TAXES—1957

Poll Tax Commitment	$ 840.00	
Real Estate Commitment	140,198.61	
Personal Property Commitment	20,272.98	
Classified Forest Land Commitment	106.97	
Farm Animal Excise Commitment	261.99	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	24,141.20	
Poll Tax Refund	2.00	
Real Estate Refunds	325.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	890.65	
Interest Collected	11.14	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		$ 732.00
Real Estate		125,166.84
Personal Property		18,958.68
Classified Forest Land		85.52
Farm Animal Excise		227.66
Motor Vehicle Excise		18,914.75
Interest		11.14
Abatements:		
Poll		82.00
Real Estate		2,996.50
Personal Property		60.45
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,901.96
Transferred to Tax Title Account		11.38
Uncollected, January 1, 1958		17,801.66
	$186,950.54	$186,950.54

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SNOW REMOVAL

Uncollected January 1, 1957	$ 474.25	
Collected		$ 40.00
Uncollected January 1, 1958		434.25
	$ 474.25	$ 474.25

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$135,297.99
Personal Property	20,244.94
Poll	780.00
Classified Forest Land	125.24
Farm Animal Excise	227.66
Motor Vehicle Excise	25,153.11
Interest	533.16
Total Receipts from Acct. Rec.	
Highway Dept. Snow Removal	40.00
Paid to Treasurer	$182,402.10

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Collector.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The five stall garage authorized by vote of the town, has been completed during the year as far as the building is concerned, but the landscaping of the grounds has been delayed because of the very dry summer and fall.

The interior of Lincoln Hall was redecorated and new lights installed. We are indebted to the West Boxford Grange for their donations toward this work and to Mr. Richard P. Chadwick who contributed generously for the lighting.

We are still working on a similar project in the Town Hall and here again the Boxford Grange is contributing.

During the summer, the interior of the Community House was painted. The floor was refinished by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Bedell who use the building for a nursery school.

By the acceptance of various sub-division roads during 1957, the town has added approximately 3 miles of highway, making a total road mileage of 59.57 which will increase the Chapter 81 allotment from the state to $16,500.

Sunrise Road in Boxford and a section of Lily Pond Road in West Boxford were oiled due to the generosity of residents on both roads.

Some very necessary repairs to the bridges on Town Road and Mill Road have been completed this year.

A grant of land for the sum of $1.00, made by Mr. Moses Alpers and Dr. Maurice Shulman has made it possible to start a very much needed improvement on Baldpate Road.

Under Chapter 81, in addition to general maintenance, sections of School Street, Mill, Bare Hill, Spofford and Valley Roads have been treated with oil for the first time.

Under Chapter 90 a section of Topsfield Road from the overpass on Route 1 northerly, has been rebuilt.

The final coat of oil was applied to Depot Road and Pond Street to complete the 1956 Chapter 90 Project.

The work done with funds allotted from Chapters 81 and 90 was under the supervision of the State District Highway Engineers.

A suit was begun against Louis H. McAloon as builder of the Harry Lee Cole School, joining the Town as co-defendant, by the late Harold L. Cassino for injuries suffered at a function of the schools.

This action is being defended in Superior Court, it being the claim of the Town that the builder's insurance should cover the liability, if any, and that there is no liability on the part of the Town in any event. Mr. Cassino died during the pendency of the suit and at the date of this report no action has been taken to substitute an executor or administrator to prosecute this action.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the year 1957 communicable diseases and dog bite cases were reported to the Board of Health as follows:

Disease	No. of Cases
Mumps	5
Scarlet Fever	4
Measles	2
Chicken Pox	1
Tuberculosis	1
Dog Bite	4
Licenses for the year were granted as follows:	
Recreational Camps	7
Slaughter	1
Milk Dealers	10
Milk Producers	2
Lord's Day	1
Manufacture of ice cream	1

The following report is made by Tracy I. Flagg, Sanitary Engineer for the Board of Health:

"At the close of 1957, I have made final inspections of the sewage disposal installations at 50 new homes. The safe location of the wells, relative to the disposal installations, was also checked. Five sewerage systems were checked also, where new or extended sewerage works were developed for older buildings. One of these was a semi-public establishment.

Other work necessary for proper environmental sanitation included water samples from public buildings and several homes, inspections of two sub-divisions of land and the inspection and recommendations on a hog farm causing intra-community complaints.

The recreation camps of Boxford were all carefully inspected and written recommendations sent to those where defects were noted. Next year the follow-up inspections will be directed toward the correction of the faults, but will also include the routine, generalized supervision."

The use of the Town Dump has increased markedly with the rapid growth of the population of Boxford. It is obvious that certain regulations will have to be made for its proper and orderly usage. The Board of Health plans to clean up the present approach to the dump from Spofford Road to the beginning of the circle and to permit no dumping in this area, thus removing an unsightly view to the passersby on the road. A fence and gate will be erected the land reseeded and trees planted.

During the fall of last year the Highway Department dug a water hole for fire protection and utilized the loam removed for work on Topsfield Road. This water hole should be enclosed by a fence for the protection of the children of the neighborhood. Its presence makes it possible to burn over the dump at frequent intervals without any fire hazard.

The Board of Health has placed an item of $1,000.00 in the budget for the services of a caretaker or supervisor. It will be necessary to place some restrictions on the hours when the dump will be open, but an attempt will be made

to have these hours arranged satisfactorily for the townspeople. It is important to have supervision because residents of adjoining towns are now using our dump whenever they choose. The caretaker, moreover, could supervise the sites for dumping, as well as the burning and covering of the trash.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MADDOCK, M.D.

RAYMOND PERLEY

HARRY L. COLE

Board of Health.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1957

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$125,166.84	
Personal Property	18,958.68	
Poll	732.00	
Classified Forest Land	85.52	
Farm Animal Excise	227.66	
		$145,170.70
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 10,131.15	
Personal Property	1,286.26	
Poll	48.00	
Classified Forest Land	39.72	
		$ 11,505.13
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1955	$ 6.67	
Levy of 1956	6,231.69	
Levy of 1957	18,914.75	
		$ 25,153.11
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 14,408.88	
Chap. 90 Construction	8,000.00	
Chap. 718 Highway Fund	3,000.00	
		$ 25,408.88
For Education:		
School Superintendent	$ 895.99	
Chap. 70, School Aid	10,153.34	
Aid, School Construction	8,503.49	
Education and Transportation	11,128.89	
Vocational Education	3.30	
		$ 30,685.01
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$ 2,151.01	
Corporation Taxes	6,399.20	

Loss of Taxes	1,378.97	
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	356.47	
Snow Removal	37.88	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
School Lunch Program	2,077.03	
		$ 12,425.56
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 2,989.22	
Old Age Asst. U. S. Grant	2,419.91	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,211.19	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,339.00	
Disability Assistance	790.78	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,092.79	
Veterans' Benefits	875.80	
		$ 10,718.69
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$ 2,850.00	
Dog License refund	— 484.78	
		$ 3,334.78
Trust and Investment Funds:		
J. T. Barker School Fund	$ 1,800.00	
Interest on School Funds	138.13	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	$ 122.18	
West Parish	107.06	
Killam-Curtis Cemetery Fund	6.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	$ 400.00	
		$ 2,573.37
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 458.53	
Highway	67.50	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	20.60	
Public Welfare	570.89	
Police	105.00	
Appeal Board	105.00	
School	405.89	

Board of Health	17.14	
Snow Removal	40.00	
		$ 1,790.55

Licenses and Permits:

Dogs	$ 521.05	
Slaughter	1,000.00	
Building	433.50	
Sewerage	500.00	
Junk	12.00	
Revolver	16.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	5.00	
Peddler	9.00	
Auctioneer	2.00	
Recreational Camp	6.00	
Lord's Day	.50	
		$ 2,510.05

Unclassified:

Interest on Taxes	$ 533.16	
School Lunch Program	5,171.02	
County Retirement	1,612.08	
Withholding Tax Deductions	7,413.34	
Rent of Town Halls	206.00	
Rent of Community House	80.00	
Departmental Refunds	332.55	
Use of Telephones	67.70	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	134.93	
Sale of Wood	55.00	
Pay Station Commission	11.71	
Manchester Fire Refund	241.50	
Misc. Receipts	6.70	
Court Fines	20.00	
		$ 15,885.69

TOTAL RECEIPTS $287,161.52

EXPENDITURES FOR 1957

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,244.93	
Board of Public Welfare	278.34	
Assessors	1,600.00	
Treasurer	573.60	
Town Clerk	438.81	
Accountant	1,460.75	
Collector	1,628.30	
Registrars	31.25	
Elections	115.75	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	107.25	
Building Inspector	650.00	
Wire Inspector	650.00	
Finance Committee	10.00	
Board of Health	1,067.86	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,021.25	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$ 11,428.09

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 28.46	
Dog Officer	58.00	
Police	3,503.28	
Forest Warden	2,403.99	
Fire Warden	1,804.01	
Tree Warden	893.60	
Moth Suppression	1,299.80	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	89.45	
		$ 10,870.59

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$ 760.58
Disability Assistance	2,271.12
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	248.45

Old Age Assistance	8,105.57	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	2,273.37	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,347.75	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	724.80	
Veteran's Benefits	1,995.00	
Old Age Assistance, Admin., U. S. Grant	204.53	
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Admin.	452.52	
		$ 19,383.69

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$ 94,471.07	
School Dept. 1956 Account	1,545.09	
Vocational Education	87.90	
School Lunch Program	6,673.46	
East Parish Library	664.57	
West Parish Library	649.45	
		$104,091.54

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 18,456.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, Baldpate Road	600.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, Depot Road	609.56	
Chap. 90 Construction, Topsfield Road	14,899.10	
Baldpate Road—1955 Account	522.35	
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	979.86	
Snow Removal and Sanding	8,283.70	
Road Machinery Maintenance	931.19	
Street Lighting	747.96	
Highway Vacation Account	769.00	
Baldpate Road—Land Purchase	1.00	
		$ 46,799.72

UNCLASSIFIED

Regional District School	$ 15,322.46	
Town Halls	2,000.00	
Toilets at Town Hall—1955 Account	263.63	
Public Grounds	230.38	
Insurance	4,065.10	
Town Forest	400.00	
Memorial Day	234.00	
Soldier's Graves	200.00	
Harmony Cemetery	50.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Killam-Curtis Cemetery	6.00	
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	400.00	
Police Cruiser and Garage	991.00	
Clerical	294.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	7,413.34	
Town Reports	625.00	
Civil Defense	587.03	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	103.00	
Essex Sanatorium	1,486.72	
Veteran's Service District	155.00	
State Parks and Reservations	383.60	
County Tax	4,771.39	
County Retirement System	2,542.15	
County Retirement Deductions	1,612.08	
Community House	166.86	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	990.45	
Real Estate Tax Refund	328.00	
Poll Tax Refund	2.00	
Dog Licenses to County	531.85	
Principal of Maturing Debt	7,000.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,637.50	
Land Damage	160.00	
Bills of Charge	109.79	
		$ 56,448.44
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$248,835.96

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1957

ASSETS

Cash: General		
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1955:		
Real Estate	$ 657.99	
Personal	295.32	
		$ 953.31
Levy of 1956:		
Poll	$ 2.00	
Real Estate	3,360.02	
Personal	742.20	
		$ 4,104.22
Levy of 1957:		
Poll	$ 28.00	
Real Estate	12,248.89	
Personal	1,253.85	
		$ 13,530.74
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1955	$ 5.70	
Levy of 1956	252.17	
Levy of 1957	4,215.14	
		$ 4,473.01
Special Assessments:		
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1957		$ 34.33
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1956	$ 14.40	
Levy of 1957	21.45	
		$ 35.85
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	$ 290.81	
Veterans' Services	607.00	
Highway—Snow Removal	434.25	
		$ 1,332.06
Tax Titles		$ 62.64

State and County Aid to Highways		23,930.16
Underestimates:		
County Tax	$ 782.11	
State Parks and Reservations	17.63	
		$ 799.74
		$211,915.90

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$102,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	$ 55,020.01

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1957

LIABILITIES

Reserve until Collected:		
Tax Titles	$ 62.64	
Motor Vehicle Exc. Revenue	4,473.01	
Departmental Revenue	1,321.27	
Special Assesment Revenue	70.18	
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue	23,930.16	
		$ 29,857.26
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1955	$ 953.31	
Levy of 1956	4,104.22	
Levy of 1957	13,530.84	
		$ 18,588.37
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		13,504.42
Excess and Deficiency		126,877.53
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 6,818.81	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,906.82	
Disability Assistance	1,956.16	
		$ 10,681.79
J. T. Barker Fund	$ 6,352.13	

School Lunch Program	605.31	
Road Machinery Fund	1,178.36	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	134.93	
Old Age Assistance from State	10.79	
		$ 8,281.52
Appropriation Accounts:		
Goodwin Plans, 1954 Account	$ 100.00	
School House Committee	20.63	
New School	22.28	
Chap. 90 Const. Topsfield Road	63.40	
Baldpate Road—1955 Account	30.89	
School	3,763.93	
Vocational Education	12.60	
Civil Defense	111.28	
		$ 4,125.01
		$211,915.90

DEBT ACCOUNT

New School Loan	$102,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$ 35,434.86	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	4,225.35	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,030.67	
Curtis and Killam Burial Lot Fund	270.93	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	1,059.00	
		$ 55,020.01

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1957

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$ 1,170.00	

Office supplies	50.93	
State and County Assoc. dues	24.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,244.93	
Balance to revenue	55.07	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$ 245.00	
Office expenses	33.34	
Total expenditures	$ 268.34	
Balance to revenue	21.66	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	$ 1,150.00	
Clerical	318.75	
Abstracts	73.93	
Office supplies	48.32	
State and County Assoc. dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 350.00	
Bond	166.00	
Office Supplies	51.20	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.40	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 573.60	
Balance to revenue	76.40	
	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$ 450.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$264.00	
Bond	5.00	
Office expense	162.31	
State Assoc., dues	7.50	
Total expenditures	$ 438.81	
Balance to revenue	11.19	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Collector

Appropriation		$ 1,650.00
Salary, Collector	$ 1,200.00	
Bonds	197.00	
Office expense	229.30	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,628.30	
Balance to revenue	21.70	
	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,650.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Salary, Accountant	$ 1,350.00	
Office supplies	110.75	
Total expenditures	$ 1,460.75	
Balance to revenue	239.25	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$ 25.00
State Assoc. dues	$ 10.00	
Balance to revenue	15.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 31.25	
Balance to revenue	118.75	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Elections

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Services, Town Clerk	$ 6.25	
Printing and supplies	109.50	
Total expenditures	$ 115.75	
Balance to revenue	84.25	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Advertising	$ 107.25	
Balance to revenue	42.75	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$ 25.00
Balance to revenue	$ 25.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Services, Building Inspector	$ 600.00	
Office expense	50.00	
Total expenditures	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriations		$ 650.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$ 500.00	
Office expense	150.00	
Total expenditures	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$ 60.00
Refund, Essex County		6.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 50.00	
Board and disposal of stray dogs	8.00	
Total expenditures	$ 58.00	
Balance to revenue	8.00	
	$ 66.00	$ 66.00

Police Cruiser and Garage

Balance from 1956		$ 991.00
Garage	$ 991.00	
	$ 991.00	$ 991.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 35.00
Salary, Sealer	$ 25.00	
Office expense	3.46	
Total expenditures	$ 28.46	
Balance to revenue	6.54	
	$ 35.00	$ 35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriations		$ 1,700.00
Transfer from Reserve		104.01
Labor	$ 244.00	
Janitor service	220.00	
Equipment	466.19	
Repairs	244.04	

Office supplies	9.50	
Telephone	370.56	
Fuel	196.62	
Assoc. dues and subscription	6.50	
Truck hire	3.50	
Gasoline	43.60	
Total expenditures	$ 1,804.01	$ 1,804.01

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriations		$ 1,550.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$ 170.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	597.50	
Maintenance of Dump	96.00	
Hospitalization	169.50	
Medical	18.10	
Office Supplies	8.21	
Rubbish Collection	8.55	
Total expenditures	$ 1,067.86	
Balance to revenue	482.14	
	$ 1,550.00	$ 1,550.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Inspector of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$ 1,021.25	
Total expenditures	$ 1,021.25	
Balance to revenue	178.75	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		503.28
Labor	$ 2,463.14	
Use of cars	21.30	
Insurance	75.00	
Equipment	307.06	
Telephone	126.14	
Repairs	194.53	
Gasoline	271.86	
Office Supplies	44.25	
Total expenditures	$ 3,503.28	$ 3,503.28

Forest Warden

Appropriations		$ 2,400.00
Refund		4.50
Salary, Forest Warden	$ 220.00	
Labor	1,433.00	
Janitor service	110.00	
Telephones	372.27	
Equipment	20.70	
Repairs	144.02	
Gasoline	41.53	
Fuel	62.47	
Total expenditures	$ 2,403.99	
Balance to revenue	.51	
	$ 2,404.50	$ 2,404.50

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 900.00
Labor	$ 532.50	
Trucks	92.00	
Tractor	48.75	
Tools	8.55	

Contract work	210.80	
Total expenditures	$ 893.60	
Balance to revenue	6.40	
	$ 900.00	$ 900.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Labor	$ 314.25	
Spraying	390.55	
Topping elms	453.80	
Supplies	139.70	
Truck	1.50	
Total expenditures	$ 1,299.80	
Balance to revenue	.20	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		$ 880.00
Labor	$ 291.00	
Trucks	64.50	
Tractor	61.75	
Power saw	6.00	
Contract work	456.20	
Total expenditures	$ 879.45	
Balance to revenue	.55	
	$ 880.00	$ 880.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Cash	$ 530.00	
Medical	17.11	
Fuel	26.50	
Hospital	166.97	

Food	20.00	
Total expenditures	$ 760.58	
Balance to revenue	739.42	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$10,500.00
Cash	$ 7,626.27	
Other cities and towns	479.30	
Total expenditures	$ 8,105.57	
Balance to revenue	2,394.43	
	$10,500.00	$10,500.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1956		$ 4,786.79
Federal Grants		2,419.91
Recovery		1,885.48
Cash	$ 2,273.37	
Balance to 1958	6,818.81	
	$ 9,092.18	$ 9,092.18

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Cash	$ 2,347.75	
Balance to revenue	652.25	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1956		$ 1,296.62
Federal Grants		1,339.00
Cash	$ 724.80	
Balance to 1958	1,906.82	
	$ 2,631.62	$ 2,631.62

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Cash	$ 2,271.12	
Balance to revenue	728.88	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1956		$ 1,111.82
Federal Grants		1,092.79
Cash	$ 248.45	
Balance to 1958	1,956.16	
	$ 2,204.61	$ 2,204.61

Old Age Assistance Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1956		$ 204.53
Welfare District	$ 204.53	
	$ 204.53	$ 204.53

Central Essex Welfare District Administration

Appropriation		$ 452.52
Welfare District	$ 452.52	
	$ 452.52	$ 452.52

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transfer from reserve		500.00
Cash	$ 1,868.00	
Medical	97.50	
Hospital	29.50	
Total expenditures	$ 1,995.00	
Balance to revenue	5.00	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Labor	$ 257.00	
Trucks	36.75	
Lumber	379.50	
Oil	238.24	
Signs	43.75	
Sand	13.57	
Spikes	11.05	
Town Tools	6.00	
Total expenditures	$ 985.86	
Balance to revenue	14.14	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Depot Road, 1956

Balance from 1956		$ 619.06
Labor	$ 185.25	
Trucks	84.00	
Bulldozer	66.00	
Tractor	4.50	
Oil	255.78	
Sand	14.03	
Town tools	9.50	
	$ 619.06	$ 619.06

Chapter 90—Construction, Baldpate Road

Balance from 1956		$ 600.00
Labor	$ 216.00	
Truck	71.75	
Shovel	115.20	
Bulldozer	88.00	
Gravel	85.05	
Power Saw	24.00	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Topsfield Road

Appropriation - Chapter 718 - Bond Issue		$ 3,000.00
State Allotment		9,000.00
County Allotment		3,000.00
Labor	$ 4,549.25	
Trucks	2,744.75	
Shovel	2,114.40	
Bulldozer	540.00	
Grader	930.00	
Tractor	155.50	
Sand and Gravel	1,830.74	
Oil	1,641.46	
Power Saw	64.00	
Roller	280.00	
Calcium	49.00	
Use of Town tools	37.50	
Total expenditures	$14,936.60	
Balance to 1958	63.40	
	$15,000.00	$15,000.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 2,900.00
State Allotment		15,675.00
Labor	$ 8,834.75	
Trucks	1,671.25	
Roller	50.00	
Grader	606.00	
Mowing Machine	10.00	
Tractor	165.00	
Power Saws	14.50	
Sand and Gravel	2,000.59	
Oil	4,981.32	
Tools	115.99	
Lumber and Posts	6.60	
Use of Town tools	119.00	
Total expenditures	$18,575.00	$18,575.00

Baldpate Road—1955 Account

Balance from 1956		$ 553.24
Labor	$ 202.25	
Trucks	87.50	
Shovel	153.60	
Bulldozer	55.00	
Grader	18.00	
Power Saw	6.00	
Total expenditures	$ 522.35	
Balance to 1958	30.89	
	$ 553.24	$ 553.24

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$10.000.00
Refund		2.00
Labor	$3,731.00	
Trucks	468.75	
Trucks and plows	1,314.00	
Sander	400.50	
Tractor	77.50	
Repairs	673.57	
Sand and salt	1,460.71	
Use of Town tools	408.00	
Posts (Snow fence)	59.67	
Total expenditures	$ 8,593.70	
Balance to Revenue	1,408.30	
	$10,002.00	$10,002.00

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		$ 1,000.00
Labor	$ 260.00	
Gasoline and oil	101.35	
Repairs	391.07	
Light	22.18	
Tools	101.32	
Paint	25.77	

Truck	10.50	
Fuel	19.00	
Total expenditures	$ 931.19	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	68.81	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 775.00
Street Lights	$ 747.96	
Balance to revenue	27.04	
	$ 775.00	$ 775.00

Highway Vacation Account

Appropriation		$ 1,150.00
Vacation Payrolls	$ 769.00	
Balance to revenue	381.00	
	$ 1,150.00	$ 1,150.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$98,215.00
Refunds		20.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
School Teachers	$30,773.75	
Substitutes	391.50	
Supervisors	1,935.27	
Home Instruction	425.00	
Superintendence:		
Salary	$ 1,800.00	
Clerk	600.00	
Expense	265.20	
Health:		
Nurse	$ 400.00	
Physician	300.00	
Supplies	3.01	

Tuition	$25,999.26	
Transportation	12,658.09	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	$ 2,400.00	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee Expense	110.80	
Books	1,827.02	
Supplies	2,060.72	
Fuel	2,766.74	
Light	1,179.01	
Telephones	214.40	
Repairs	2,605.45	
Insurance	1,200.00	
Janitor's Supplies	574.65	
Athletic Program Expense	148.64	
Grounds	1,169.97	
New Well	1,311.00	
Furnishings	1,260.74	
Rubbish Collection	70.85	
Total expenditures	$94,471.07	
Balance to 1958	3,763.93	
	$98,235.00	$98,235.00

School—1956 Account

Balance from 1956		$ 2,303.85
Equipment	$ 1,094.89	
Repairs	201.55	
Books	128.00	
Supplies	49.50	
Fuel	35.00	
Committee Expense	20.45	
Rubbish	5.70	
Snow removal	10.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,545.09	
Balance to revenue	758.76	
	$ 2,303.85	$ 2,303.85

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Tuition	$ 38.40	
Transportation	49.50	
Total expenditures	$ 87.90	
Balance to revenue	199.50	
Balance to 1958	12.60	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1956		$ 30.72
State Grants		2,077.03
Cash		5,171.02
Salaries	$ 2,109.25	
Food	4,564.21	
Total expenditures	$ 6,673.42	
Balance to 1958	605.31	
	$ 7,278.77	$ 7,278.77

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		242.39
Interest from Library Funds		122.18
Operation expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 664.57	
	$ 664.57	$ 664.57

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		242.39
Interest from Library Funds		107.06
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$ 649.45	
	$ 649.45	$ 649.45

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Janitors	$ 212.50	
Fuel	383.79	
Light	189.00	
Telephone	233.85	
Repairs	924.40	
Supplies	5.78	
Grounds	50.68	
Total expenditures	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Toilets at Town Hall

Balance from 1956		$ 263.63
Plumbing	$ 263.63	
	$ 263.63	$ 263.63

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Care of Public Grounds	$ 230.38	
Total expenditures	$ 230.38	
Balance to revenue	19.62	
	$ 250.600	$ 250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Labor	$ 353.75	
Survey	46.25	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Soldier's Graves

Appropriation		$ 225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$ 100.00	

West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$ 200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 225.00	$ 225.00

Killam-Curtis Cemetery

Interest		$ 6.00
Maintenance	$ 6.00	
	$ 6.00	$ 6.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Maintenance	$ 150.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Band	$ 150.00	
Flags	18.00	
Refreshments	15.00	
Flowers	8.50	
Gratuity	20.00	
Ammunition	5.00	

Insurance	15.00	
Grave Marker	2.50	
Total expenditures	$ 234.00	
Balance to revenue	16.00	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Clerical	$ 294.00	
Total expenditures	$ 294.00	
Balance to revenue	6.00	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 625.00
Town Reports	$ 610.00	
Distribution	15.00	
Total expenditures	$ 625.00	
	$ 625.00	$ 625.00

Community House

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Refund		52.30
Fuel	$ 52.30	
Light	32.48	
Repairs	82.08	
Total expenditures	$ 166.86	
Balance to revenue	85.44	
	$ 252.30	$ 252.30

Civil Defense

Balance from 1956		$ 23.56
Appropriation		375.00

Transfer from Reserve		150.00
Refund		149.75
Fire	$ 117.24	
Communications	369.49	
Health	40.00	
Telephone	60.30	
Total expenditures	$ 587.03	
Balance to revenue	111.28	
	$ 698.31	$ 698.31

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Town Report Distribution	$ 5.00	
Chap. 90 petition expense	5.00	
Janitor Services at School	15.00	
Labor	50.00	
Truck	28.00	
Total expenditures	$ 103.00	
Balance to revenue	397.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Interest and Amortization of School Loan

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Interest	$ 2,637.60	
Payment on Principal	7,000.00	
Transfer to Welfare District	252.52	
Total expenditures	$ 9,890.02	
Balance to revenue	109.98	
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		$ 3,000.00
Total Transfers	$ 1,257.29	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	1,742.71	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 5,471.00
Compensation	$ 1,365.52	
Liability	579.70	
Fire	520.41	
Motor Vehicle	1,464.72	
Fire Department	134.75	
Transfers	600.00	
Total expenditures	$ 4,665.10	
Balance to revenue	805.90	
	$ 5,471.00	$ 5,471.00

Regional District School

Appropriation		$15,322.46
Masconomet Regional District School	$15,322.46	
	$15,322.46	$15,322.46

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1957 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1957		$124,334.28
S. S. Pearl, Collector	$182,362.10	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	25,408.08	
Education	30,685.01	
Taxes	10,285.65	
Old Age Assist., grants	5,409.13	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants	2,550.19	
Disability Asst., grants	1,883.57	
Veterans' Benefits	875.80	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 and 133	37.88	
School Lunch program	2,077.03	
County of Essex:		
Highways	2,850.00	
Dog License refund	484.78	
Trust Funds, income	2,573.37	
Departmental receipts	2,166.98	
Licenses and permits	2,510.05	
Income from town property	341.00	
Withholding Tax Account	7,413.34	
Departmental refunds	332.55	
School Lunch Program	5,171.02	
County Retirement account	1,612.08	
Court Fines	20.00	
Telephone refunds	67.70	
Miscellaneous	18.41	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$287,161.52
		$411,495.80

Disbursements:

Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen	$248,835.96
Balance, December 31, 1957	$162,659.84

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $6,500.

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½s, 70/65	$ 6,500.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	6,786.45
Interest for the year 1957	222.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 7,008.78

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit, Jan. 1, 1957	$ 126.43
Interest for the year 1957	3.81
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 130.34
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$13,573.52
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	162.50
Savings Bank Interest for 1957	607.65
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$14,181.17
Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 7,373.01
Interest for the year 1957	241.56
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 7,614.57

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds was deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,741.34
Interest for the year 1957	57.04
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,798.38

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 2,349.99
Interest for the year 1957	76.98
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 2,426.97

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 2,365.23
Interest for the year 1957	65.44
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 2,430.67
Withdrawn	400.00
Balance	$ 2,030.67

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 268.15
Interest for the year 1957	8.78
	$ 276.93
Withdrawn	6.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 270.93

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 2,000.00
Interest for the year 1957	60.45
	$ 2,060.45

Withdrawn	60.45
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1957	61.73
	$ 1,561.73
Withdrawn	61.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1957	45.33
	$ 1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1957	61.73
	$ 1,561.73
Withdrawn	61.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,451.65
Interest for the year 1957	47.55
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,499.20

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,025.42

Interest for the year 1957	33.58
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,059.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1957

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Sales Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 40.63
Danvers Savings Bank	65.00
Salem Savings Bank	32.50
Total	$138.13

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

HARRY E. TRASK

Committee on School Funds.

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF

THE ACCOUNTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 10, 1955

TO JULY 27, 1957

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

November 18, 1957

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Bureau of Accounts

State House, Boston 33, Mass.

November 18, 1957

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman
Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from April 10, 1955 to July 27, 1957, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

HBD:EM

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from April 10, 1955, the date of the previous examination, to July 27, 1957, the following report being submitted thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town, as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer, while the recorded disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants and with the records of payments by the treasurer.

The appropriations and transfers, as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and from the finance committees' records of reserve fund transfers, were checked with the appropriation accounts in the accountant's ledger.

An analysis was made of the ledger accounts, the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was drawn off, and a balance sheet which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on July 27, 1957.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and compared with the records of payments to the treasurer by the several departments and with other sources from which the town received money, while the recorded payments were compared with the treasury warrants and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book was footed throughout for the period of the audit, and the cash balance on July 27, 1957 was

verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The reported payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The bond and coupon account was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The transactions of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were verified, and the securities and savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined. The payments to the Director of Internal Revenue and the county treasurer were verified, and the unpaid balances were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The taxes transferred to tax titles were compared with the collector's records, the redemptions were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special taxes outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and checked with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts in the accountant's ledger.

Further verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town,

the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, listed, are correct.

The records of departmental cash collections by the town clerk, the selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, the inspector of buildings and plumbing, as well as by the school, and all other departments in which money was collected, were examined and checked. The payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds on file for the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and the tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

WS:EM

Assistant Director of Accounts.

Town of Boxford—BALANCE SHEET—July 27, 1957

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General,		$ 76,658.27
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1955:		
Poll,	$ 4.00	
Personal Property,	530.01	
Real Estate,	2,729.16	
Levy of 1956:		
Poll,	30.00	
Personal Property,	1,332.00	
Real Estate,	5,124.62	
Levy of 1957:		
Poll,	116.00	
Personal Property,	20,272.98	
Real Estate,	139,708.61	
		169,847.38
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1955,	$ 62.83	
Levy of 1956,	512.91	
Levy of 1957,	8,435.09	
		9,010.83
Classified Forest Land Taxes:		
Levy of 1954,	$ 4.50	
Levy of 1955,	4.86	
Levy of 1956,	19.80	
Levy of 1957,	106.97	
		136.13
Tax Titles,		51.16
Departmental:		
Snow Removal,	$ 434.25	
Old Age Assistance,	449.13	

Liabilities and Reserves

State and County Assessments 1957:		
State Recreation Areas,	$ 365.97	
County Tax,	3,989.28	
		$ 4,355.25
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes,	$ 588.12	
County Retirement System,	98.09	
		686.21
Highway Fund — Chapter 718, Acts of 1956,		1,500.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund,		4,552.13
Recoveries:		
Old Age Assistance,		4,887.63
Federal Grants:		
Disability Aid:		
Aid,	$ 1,358.94	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Aid,	1,218.82	
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance,	4,351.43	
		6,929.19
Revolving Fund:		
School Lunch,		312.86
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	$114,630.36	
Non-Revenue (Loan Balance):		
School Construction,	22.28	
		114,652.64
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Road Machinery		1,046.05

Veterans' Services,	698.75	
		1,582.13
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$ 19,675.00	
County,	2,000.00	
		21,675.00
Estimated Receipts — to be Collected,		15,612.64
		$294,573.54

Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus,		6.910.33
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1955,	$ 2,741.05	
Levy of 1956,	6,497.12	
Levy of 1957,	16,902.53	
		26,140.70
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	$ 9,010.83	
Special Tax,	136.13	
Tax Title,	51.16	
Departmental,	1,582.13	
Aid to Highway,	21,675.00	
		32,455.25
Surplus Revenue,		90,145.30
		$294,573.54

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Outside Debt Limit:	
General,	$102,000.00

Serial Loans:	
Outside Debt Limit:	
General:	
School Construction,	$102,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	$ 54,162.57
In Custody of Trustees,	29,318.24
	$ 83,480.81

In Custody of Treasurer:		
Welfare Funds:		
Town Farm,	$ 34,660.79	
Sarah P. Perley,	2,165.23	
Visiting Nurse Association,	1,025.42	
		$ 37,851.44
School Fund,		4,000.00
Library Funds:		
East Parish,	$ 3,500.00	
East Parish — Cote,	1,451.65	
West Parish,	3,000.00	
		7,951.65
Cemetery:		
Curtis-Killam,		268.15
Investment Fund:		
Post-War Rehabilitation,		4,091.33
In Custody of Trustees:		
Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund,		29,318.24
		$ 83,480.81

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

John S. Haywood, Chairman	Term Expires 1958
Ipswich Road, Boxford	Tel. Tu. 7-2895
Louis Vrettos, Secretary	Term Expires 1960
Main Street, West Boxford	Tel. Dr. 2-7252
Richard Bowler	Term Expires 1959
Ipswich Road, Boxford	Tel. Tu. 7-5025

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson
Jackson Way, Georgetown Tel. FLeetwood 2-3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Fred J. Nahil, M.D.
Georgetown, Mass. Tel. FLeetwood 2-3081

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield, Mass.

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

Archer French
Boxford, Mass.

Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	School	Grade
Joseph Ritchie	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Gladys MacPherson	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Helen Chadwick	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Lelia Millay	Harry Lee Cole	1, 2
Harriet Edwards	Aaron Wood	4
Ruth Morin	Aaron Wood	5
Dorothy Carver	Gardner Morse	2
Bernice Billewicz	Gardner Morse	3
Gretchen Sanderson	Art Supervisor	
Marcia Tatarunis	Music Supervisor	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The annual report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1957 is hereby submitted:

In our 1954 Report we stated that our new school would give us enrollment growth facilities for a period of at least five years. This fact still remains despite the rapid increased enrollment. However, the forecasted fifth year is approaching and we must prepare for the eventual expansion of our grades. The Fall of 1958 will definitely demand two first grade classrooms. Currently, the second through sixth grades are more than full with an average of more than 35 pupils. Therefore, we are instituting a separate article in the warrant to complete the two unfinished rooms in the Harry Lee Cole School as was our projected plan when the new school was built.

We would like to call your attention to the report of the Superintendent in regards to this matter.

In the Spring of the year, after talking with the Superintendent, and investigating other school systems, we felt it wise educationally to revise the entrance age requirements. A child must attain the age of 5 before Jan. 1st in order to enter the first grade the following September.

The use of the Harry Lee Cole School facilities has greatly increased over that of the previous year. With many organizations taking advantage of the all-purpose room, the weekly calendar has been full.

The School Committee has been pleased to see the increased interest of PTA and the continuous representation of same at our meetings.

During the year the Committee has seen to the general maintenance of the three schools. Unusual expense occurred in re-drilling the well at the Gardner Morse School, but we were able to absorb the cost in current school budget.

We were able to complete several minor projects, among which was enlarging the hot top walks and the placing of a hot top curb around the Cole School, purchase of swings, expansion of the School library, purchase of a sound recorder and visual aids in the way of a new film

strip and slide projector, installation of a P.A. system and purchase of much needed power mowers. It is felt that these will supplement our educational program.

The major increases in our school budget — namely salaries, tuition, and transportation — make up the largest part of the increased budget over 1957, which will include two additional teachers, and salary increases for our current staff. Tuition rates are still increasing and unfortunately we will be enrolling more students than we graduate.

We continue to take pride in our teaching staff as well as the scholastic achievements of our Boxford pupils as they progress into secondary schools and beyond.

In closing this report, we would like to call attention to the report of the Superintendent and department heads which cover the activities of our system more fully. We would like to express our appreciation for their cooperation and endeavors during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STUART HAYWOOD, Chairman
LOUIS VRETTOS, Secretary
RICHARD BOWLER
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1957.

A year ago I called your attention to the increasing enrolment of our elementary schools together with the large number of pupils on the high school level. During the past year the enrolment growth has been greater than any previous forecasts and promises to continue at an accelerated rate.

You will note from the enrolment figures on a subsequent page of this report that each of our six lower grade classes has an enrolment of 33 or more pupils. Large classes

are economical from a cost standpoint but our job is to provide situations wherein each individual pupil may profit most through his school years under the guidance of capable teachers. We should aim to provide situations where there are not over 25 pupils in each of the three lower grade classes and not over 30 pupils in upper grade classes.

Continued building of new homes in Boxford should make it evident that by September 1959 the enrolment of our schools will reach the point where we should have twelve classrooms for our lower six grades. In September 1958, we should have the twelve rooms for our eight elementary grades. Provision should be made at the 1958 town meeting for two rooms on the lower floor of the Cole School in the space provided for that purpose.

On many occasions I have stated that I considered the teacher as the prime influence in pupil progress. Spacious, modern classrooms, fine books, abundant supplies and small class size are wonderful, but with an incompetent teacher, are little more than waste. We are fortunate in having a very competent teaching staff leading, guiding, and driving for the best from our pupils. I know that there are some who may object to the word, "driving", but I am sure that effort is essential to progress.

If we are to maintain high educational standards we must retain a competent school staff. Teachers salaries throughout the country are continually increasing which makes it imperative that we provide for liberal salary increases each year during the years immediately ahead. Teacher shortages and the increasing demand for teachers will result in minimum salaries for the inexperienced teacher of $4000 by September 1959. To meet this anticipated level would require per-teacher salary increases in Boxford of approximately $400 in September 1958 and $400 in September 1959.

The record of our pupils in secondary school indicates that they have the elementary school background necessary for success in high school. It is gratifying to observe academic accomplishments of our pupils and also to find that

our boys and girls are participating in the extra curricula activities of the schools they attend.

In closing this report, I call your attention to the reports and statistics which follow and express my appreciation to the members of the school staff, parents and School Committee for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music for the school year 1957.

Music has become an integral part of the school program. It offers an organized opportunity for esthetic and social experience which can appeal to and benefit practically all the children in school. A full music program contributes substantially to a richer, fuller life through a sense of appreciation. Although many of our boys and girls will never become professional musicians, they will become listeners, without whom the creating and performing musician cannot exist. Therefore, the teaching of music must care for the variety of needs of all types of pupils and be sure not to discourage any, no matter how modest their level of music ability. A good music program must further provide a basis of musical understanding, broad enough not only to interest those who will be the laymen, but also to establish a solid foundation upon which those who are specially talented may base their future study.

It is essential, then, to continue to stress and develop in our music program, not only singing and music reading, which are indeed the most important phases of school music,

but listening, appreciation, creative and rhythmic activities, in order to provide a well-rounded program for each and every child.

In closing may I again express my appreciation for the cooperation given me by you and the teachers of Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) MARCIA TATARUNIS,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the past year ending December 31, 1957.

The Art program in the Town of Boxford consisted of weekly visits to each of the classrooms in the three schools, which takes one and one-half days per week. The lessons averaged from half an hour in the lower grades to forty minutes in the upper. Alternate lesson guides were discussed with the room teacher besides assistance in classroom projects when needed.

Creative art and formal art are interwoven, for without each other, the basic underlying principles would be weakened. The sound fundamentals of lettering, perspective, composition, construction, color, design, etc., are introduced along with the crafts so important in the school years. Here, every child will have an opportunity to express his individuality where there are many mediums to work with, such as in papier mache-paper pulp, wet chalk, speedball lettering, poster work, paper sculpture, also block printing and silk screen to be introduced.

Audio Visual training was experienced by showing motion pictures both in color and sound. The subjects were house models, potato printing, puppets and soap sculpture. These were followed by classroom activity on the subjects shown.

Art education should endeavor to develop an appreciative amount of creative ability which enables a child to apply to every part of his life.

The art program included corridor and showcase displays, room borders, bulletin borders. This correlates art with the social studies, science, reading, etc. Holiday construction projects are beneficial in handicraft and encourages the children to continue independently at home, which increases individual creativeness.

The school allows the children to enter well established poster contests! two in particular are the M.S.P.C.A. Boston Animal Poster and the Massachusetts Safety Contest. The aim is not the "winning" as a primary objective but to present acceptable work based on a required theme and meeting the date for its completion. All of which are factors one meets as an adult.

May I express my appreciation to all with whom I have had the pleasure of working this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) GRETCHEN S. SANDERSON,
Supervisor of Art.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

We herewith submit our annual report as school physician and nurse.

The pre-school clinic in April was attended by 32 children. The purpose of this clinic is to evaluate the health condition of each child and aid in correcting any defects before the children report for school in September.

The Salk program in school has ended, as the State does not allocate serum for children over one year of age. If any parent in town desires inoculations for infants, they may receive them from their family physician.

Diphtheria-tetanus inoculations were administered to 91 pupils. This is always a necessity for school children.

The T. B. Patch testing entered its second year of the five year testing program. This year 93 out of 94 pupils in the tested grades were negative.

We wish to thank the teachers in Boxford for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. NAHIL, M.D.,
School Physician.

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.,
School Nurse.

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Sandra Nolan
Scott Nolan
Warren Schott

Juniors

Bruce Godfrey
Jon Haywood
Virginia Durkee
Joyce Lenfestey
Deborah Munsell
Anne Perkins
David Trask

Sophomores

Carol Chew
Carol Cronis
Daniel Cronis
John Galloway
Barbara Haywood
Judy Owen
Karen Waters

Freshmen

Cynthia Chew
David Laustsen
Christina Stahlbrand
Dale Waring

Grade 5

Orden Owen

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING NORTH ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Edward Colby
Leonard Despres
George Emery
Michael Greenler
Kimball Harris
Robert Hoogerzeil
Charles Mattraw
Robert Richardson
Constance Blake
Judith French
Patricia Gamans

Juniors

Eric Bergstrom
Allan MacQueen
William Paulson
Peter Perkins
William Shappell
Alice Fowler
Janet French
Linda Smith

Sophomores

Robert Bemis
Helen Bergstrom
Guy Butler
Rodney Chadwick
Janet Cotton
Peter Dineen
Stephen Freedman
Sally French
Nancy Genest
Joanne Greenler
Donna Hammond
Douglas Knapp
Janet Lane
Margaret Mattraw
Sidney Lewis
Earl McKeen
Ronald Mierzykowski
Martha Meeker
Frances Moulton
Marianne Moulton
Marion Page
Vicki Peabody
Anne Perkins
Elwood Pratt
Joan Smith
Sandra Wood
Herbert Vrettos
Richard Sibley

Freshmen

Theodore Barrows
Frances Butler
John Capuano
Sandra Edwards
James Getchell
Terry Griffin
Charlotte Hitchcock
Shirley Holley
Pamela Houldsworth
Carol Hutchinson
Vernon Kousky
Norman Marshall
Deborah Morin
Priscilla Noyes
Carol Page
William Paisley
Donald Paulson
Scott Pinkham
Richard Pratt
Nancy Roberts
Veronica Sennott
Frank Smith
Richard Tibbetts
George Wood
Elmer Woodbury
Philip Chick

HARRY LEE COLE GRADUATION

Grade Eight Graduates

Theodore Albert Barrows
Frances Butler
John Otino Capuano, Jr.
Philip Edward Chick
Sandra Lee Edwards
James Robert Getchell
Priscilla Jane Noyes
Carol Ann Page
William Walker Paisley
Donald Ellis Paulson
Scott William Pinkham
Richard William Pratt

Terry Griffin
Shirley May Holley
Pamela Marjorie Houldsworth
Vernon Edgar Kousky
David Scott Laustsen
Deborah Ruth Morin
Nancy Lord Roberts
Veronica Ann Sennott
Francis Stanhope Smith
Richard Elwin Tibbetts
Dale Humphrey Waring
G. Robert Wood
E. Arthur Woodbury

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1957

HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	21	—	—	—	—	14	16	8	59
Girls	11	—	—	—	—	20	12	10	53
	32	—	—	—	—	34	28	18	112

AARON WOOD

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	Totals
Boys	—	—	—	16	22	—	—	—	38
Girls	—	—	—	18	15	—	—	—	33
	—	—	—	34	37	—	—	—	71

GARDNER MORSE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	—	15	19	—	—	—	—	—	34
Girls	—	17	17	—	—	—	—	—	34
	—	32	36	—	—	—	—	—	68

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16 or over	Totals
Boys	49	137	23	209
Girls	39	145	15	199
	88	282	38	408

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

A Superior Court decision upholding the Board's refusal to approve the so-called Bald Hill subdivision, a legal action brought by the developers against the Board directly, undoubtedly established a precedent that will prvent prevent future, haphazard residential growth on seldom used wood roads and cart paths which would be costly to the town.

Three subdivisions came before the Board during the past year. One was dropped. The other two were approved. A number of houses have been built in the Boxford Highlands area and the section known as Greenacres. Also during the year a number of lots have been created on existing ways.

Based on preliminary talks, the Board expects at least two subdivisions to be filed in 1959.

The Board was asked to cooperate in studies leading to the development of a swimming and recreation area. The private development of pond frontage and the rise in price of waterfront property plus the strategic acquisitions of choice shore areas by out-of-town organizations have combined to rule out any simple or inexpensive solution. There are several areas under consideration. Presently the Board is awaiting replies to correspondence on a likely site.

With the co-operation of Winthrop Haynes and Robert Parkhurst, the Board has started mapping the town, a preliminary step to a mast plan. The Board is studying a proposed conservation program, future industrial site locations and a capital budget longrange capital budget plan, the need for which is clearly evident by the mounting tax burden. In keeping with this objective the Board took an active part in the negotiations leading to the purchase of the Auger property in West Boxford to help handle future school needs.

Respectfully submitted:

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1957

Chapter 70, as amended	$10,153.34
Superintendent of Schools	895.99
Transportation	11,128.89
Tuition	313.57
	$22,491.79

BOXFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED BUDGET 1958

ADMINISTRATION:		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 1,920.00	
Superintendent's Transp.	240.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	768.00	
Supervisor of Attendance	20.00	
School Committee Expense	100.00	
		$ 3,048.00
INSTRUCTIONAL:		
Teachers Salaries	$ 38,320.00	
Supervisors Salaries	1,980.00	
Substitutes	550.00	
Books	1,200.00	
Supplies	1,800.00	
Supervisors Expense	300.00	
Libraries	300.00	
		$ 44,450.00
OPERATIONAL:		
Janitors Salaries	3,000.00	
Fuel	3,400.00	
Electricity	1,300.00	
Janitor Supplies	650.00	
Telephones	225.00	
Rubbish and Snow Removal	150.00	
		$ 8,725.00

HEALTH:		
Physician	$ 350.00	
Nurse	450.00	
Supplies	504.00	
		$ 850.00
Tuition		$ 32,600.00
Transportation		14,000.00
Maintenance		2,500.00
Insurance		1,200.00
Equipment		2,500.00
Graduation		120.00
Physical Education		650.00
Improvements		500.00
Home Instruction		1,000.00
		$112,143.00

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1958

Chapter 70, as amended	$ 10,998.34	
Union Superintendent	892.00	
Transportation	11,000.00	
Tuition pupils	138.45	
		$ 23,028.79
NET COST OF SCHOOLS		$ 89,114.21

VOCATIONAL

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It has been indicated in previous reports from the Finance Committee and very excellently detailed reports from the Regional Dist. School Committee, that 1958 would feel the full tax inpact of both the capital expenditures for increased educational facilities and increased school operating expenses.

In reviewing a record high proposed budget it is notable that approximately 60% of the towns intended expenditures for 1958 are allocated for school purposes.

In addition to the school situation, there have been continually increasing demands on most other departments for increasing services. The department heads have been extremely judicial in keeping their requests for higher budgets down. However, due to the past and future growth of the town, certain increases in operational costs and capital expenditures are unavoidable.

These facts add up to the highest tax rate in the history of the town, and we feel that the townspeople should use every effort during the ensuing year to keep town operating costs at a minimum.

A request has been presented to the Selectmen to increase the membership of the Finance Committee to a total of five members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GAINES BOLTON

CHARLES RICH

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR.

Finance Committee.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Harry L. Cole School, Boxford, on Monday, the third day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1958, and

to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To appropriate $429.14 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same, or take any action realtive thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of $10,000.00 for the purpose of completing the two unfinished school classrooms in the Harry L. Cole School, or take any action in the matter.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take by by-law or otherwise, relative to establishing precinct voting at town elections.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 to purchase a 1,000 gallon tank truck, or take any action in the matter.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the purpose of trading the Police ambulance cruiser for a 1958 model, or take any action in the matter.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to repair and improve a section of Main Street under Chapter 90, and to appropriate therefor the sum of $2,500.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of $500.00, or other suitable sum, for the permanent construction of Baldpate Road, said sum to be transferred from

the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $24,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Town Hall, Boxford, on Tuesday, March 4th next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the folowing Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator; Selectman for three years; Assessor for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; Collctor of Taxes for one year; Constable, East Parish, for one year; Constable, West Parish, for one year; Highway Surveyor, East Parish, for one year; Highway Surveyor, West Parish, for one year; Tree Warden for one year; one member of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1958

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,800.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	1,700.00
Registrars	200.00
Elections	600.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	650.00
Wire Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	25.00
Planning Board	25.00
Board of Health	2,150.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	3,750.00
Forest Warden	2,500.00
Fire Warden	2,500.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,200.00

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare Disability Assistance Old Age Assistance Aid to Dependent Children	19,000.00

Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Central Essex Welfare Dist., Administration	348.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	112,143.00
Regional School	12,656.49
Vocational Education	300.00

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81 Maintenance	3,000.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00
Highway Vacation Account	1,150.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	1,200.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	7,200.00
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Clerical	500.00
Town Reports	700.00
Civil Defense	419.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,500.00
School House Note	7,000.00
Community House	200.00
Morse House	75.00
Land Damage	100.00

Balpatra Road
Study Problem

Boxford

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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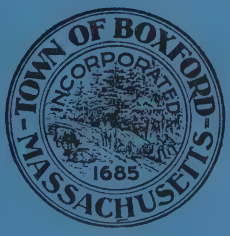

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1959
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1960
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1961

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1959
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1961

TOWN TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1961

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1959
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1959

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Richard Bowler, Jr.	Term expires 1959
Louis Vrettos	Term expires 1960
John Stuart Haywood	Term expires 1961

BOARD OF HEALTH

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1959
Stephen Maddock, M.D.	Term expires 1960
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1961
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1961

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French

B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst

Harry E. Trask

Richard P. Chadwick

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley

Term expires 1959

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster
Clinton B. Nason

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French
Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.	Term expires 1959
Merton S. Barrows	Term expires 1960

PLANNING BOARD

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1959
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960
William E. Dorman	Term expires 1960
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1961
Warren R. Godfrey	Term expires 1961
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1962
Charles P. A. Nelson	Term expires 1963

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Joseph A. O'Rourke

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1959
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1960
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1961

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Charles Rich	Term expires 1959
John G. Bolten	Term expires 1960
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1961

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Richard P. Chadwick	Term expires 1958
Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1959
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1960

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1959
Richard A. Spofford	Term expires 1960

SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French
Henry W. Nason
E. Preston Gould (Resigned)
Cecil Farnsworth
Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.
Charles H. Getchell
Earle Blake
Richard V. Donovan

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson
Horace D. Moore
Ernest M. Mortimer
Francis S. Smith
John F. Berg

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.
Population (1955 census), 1177.
Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is James P. Rurak, 34 Margin Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 13 Forest Street, Danvers, Massachusetts.

The Building Inspector is Henry W. Nason, Washington Street, West Boxford. Telephone — Haverhill, DRake 2-2320.

The Wire Inspector is Herbert W. Sperry, Main Street, West Boxford. Telephone — Haverhill, DRake 2-7649.

The Sanitary Engineer is Tracy I. Flagg, 111 Collins Street, Danvers. Telephone (evenings) — SPring 4-4979.

LIST OF JURORS — 1958-1959

Callahan, C. Henry, retired, Bare Hill Road, Boxford.
Cochrane, Frederick E., caretaker, Washington Street, West Boxford.

Connor, Raymond J., poultry specialist, Middleton Road, Boxford.

Cotton, Mabel B., housewife, Elm Street, Boxford.
Garrity, Robert F., retired, Cross Road, Boxford.
Gould, Everett P., mechanic, Middleton Road, Boxford.
Leighton, Chester A., machinist, Washington Street, West Boxford.

Parkhurst, Robert B., surveyor, Ipswich Road, Boxford.
Pratt, Carl William, laborer, Main Street, West Boxford.
Purinton, Charles A., retired, Depot Road, Boxford.
Shaw, Frederick J., retired, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.
Wheeler, Beatrice B., office executive, Washington Street, West Boxford.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School at eight o'clock in the evening, on March 3, 1958. After a prayer by Rev. William O. Hoover, the business meeting was opened, with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding. The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the annual Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the budget as printed in the annual Town Report, with two amendments: a $600.00 increase in Town Counsel, and a Highway Appropriation of $750.00.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes, therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate $429.14, refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, to be equally divided between the libraries of the two parishes.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate $600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same.

Article 10. Voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of $10,000.00 for the purpose of completing the two unfinished school class rooms in the Harry L. Cole School.

Article 11. Voted to pass over until next special Town Meeting.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 to purchase a 1,000 gallon tank truck.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the purpose of trading the Police ambulance cruiser for a 1958 model.

Article 14. Voted to repair and improve a section of Main Street, under Chapter 90, and to appropriate therefor the sum of $2,500.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the state under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the permanent construction of Baldpate Road, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 16. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $24,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other relocations, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 17. Voted to authorize the Assessors to use $10,000.00 free cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 18. Charles L. Cotton, chairman of the Planning Board, described the operation of a master plan, and stated that it would require professional advice for the best results.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1958

Selectmen	$1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,800.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Collector	1,700.00
Registrars	200.00
Elections	600.00
Town Counsel	1,100.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	650.00
Wire Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	25.00
Board of Health	2,150.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Planning Board	25.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	3,750.00
Forest Warden	2,500.00
Fire Warden	2,500.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,200.00
Public Welfare Disability Assistance Old Age Assistance Aid to Dependent Children	19,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Admin.	348.00
School Department	112,143.00
Regional School District	12,656.49

Vocational Education	300.00
Highways	750.00
Chap. 81 Maintenance	3,000.00
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00
Highway Vacation Account	1,150.00
Town Halls	1,200.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	7,200.00
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Morse House	75.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Clerical	500.00
Town Reports	700.00
Civil Defense	419.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Community House	200.00
Principal on Maturing Debt	7,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,500.00
Land Damage	100.00
Total Budget	$212,736.49

OTHER ITEMS:

Article 9	$ 600.00	
Article 12	4,500.00	
Article 13	1,000.00	6,100.00
Total to be raised and appropriated		$218,836.49

TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$ 500.00	
Article 4	3,000.00	
Article 8	429.14	
Article 10	10,000.00	
Article 14	2,500.00	
Article 15	500.00	
Article 16	24,000.00	
Total Transfers		$40,929.14

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 13, 1958

The voters of the Town of Boxford held a special town meeting at the Harry L. Cole School on Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m. with about 125 attending. William J. Greenler, Jr., moderator, called for a moment of silent prayer before the business meeting. The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to permit Mr. Donald Whiteside of Milton, Mass. to address the meeting. Mr. Whiteside's legal firm, Parkman, Robbins, and Russell of Boston, acted as counsel for the Planning Board and the Town in the case against them, with the Bald Hill Trust as the plaintiff.

Voted to discontinue such part of Bald Hill Road, so-called, as lies beyond the westerly limits of the State Wild Life Sanctuary as a public way, in-so-far as it may now be a public way and without admitting that any such part now is a public way. The vote of 82 yes, 17 no, was by a show of hands.

Article 2. Voted to reject precinct voting at town elections by a hand vote, 47 yes, 52 no.

Article 3. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 21, 1958

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School at 8 p.m. on November 21, 1958, with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding as moderator. After a brief prayer by the Rev. William O. Hoover, the following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to transfer from the Insurance Account the sum of $250.00 to the Land Damage Account to pay for the taking of land on Main Street, the property of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Baer.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to amend the by-law to read: that the Finance Committee for the Town of Boxford be composed of five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of five years, and that the terms of each member be arranged by said Selectmen so that there shall be one appointment each year after this date.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to purchase for school purposes, 3.43 acres of land adjoining the Morse School as shown on plan of land drawn by Clinton F. Goodwin, Reg. Prof. Engineer of Haverhill, on May 19, 1958, for the estate of Arthur A. and Zelie A. Auger, and designated as Parcel D; also 1.5 acres more or less of meadow land adjoining the Morse School on the westerly side, also owned by the Auger Estate, for the sum of $7,000.00 to be appropriated from available funds.

Article 4. Voted to set up a committee to include a member of the Planning Board, a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Board of Health, and two local contractors, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to investigate and report on matters pertaining to the inspection, regulation, and installation of plumbing, at the March Town Meeting.

Article 5. Voted to transfer the following amounts from the Insurance Account: $481.25 to the Regional School Account, and $150.00 to the Board of Health Account.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from the 1957 School Account the sum of $2,016.98 to the 1958 School Account.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $1,500.00: $1,000.00 to the Highway Dept., and $500.00 to Snow Removal.

Article 8. Voted to accept Bridle Spur Road, Woodland Road, and Harris Street as public ways, subject to the approval of a committee consisting of Harry L. Cole, B. Robert Cunningham, and Clinton E. French, as to completion of certain specifications.

Article 9. Voted to adjourn at 9 p.m. Approximately 100 voters attended the meeting.
A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED DURING 1958

Date	*Name*	*Parents' Names*
1957		
Sept. 12	Kemp Crocker Stickney	Arthur Everett Stickney Phyllis Jean Krantz
Oct. 2	Kenneth Talbot Doughty	David Gower Doughty Priscilla Allen Talbot
Oct. 12	Douglas Frank Sederquest	Harry Sederquest Gladys E. Mosher
Oct. 26	Kevin Michael McGinnity	Robert Barnard McGinnity Marlene Jean Vachon
Nov. 7	Nicolas Guye Tavenner	Thomas V. Tavenner Nancy A. Kelleigh
Dec. 27	Rosemary Melvin	Leonard Joseph Melvin Rose B. Stevenson

1958

Jan. 15	Mary Monica Lyczko	Felix J. Lyczko Caroline Nowak
Jan. 18	Donna Virginia Hughes	Donald E. Hughes Margaret N. Bishop
Feb. 2	Cynthia Mary Payne	Nelson D. Payne Ellen I. Johnson
Mar. 1	Mary Lou Silva	Charles Silva Dorothy E. Bond
Mar. 4	Michael Thomas Finelli	Thomas M. Finelli Joan M. Adams
Mar. 16	Susan Virginia Smith	Francis S. Smith Virginia R. Fossa
Mar. 23	Craig Woodbury Fifield	Charles W. Fifield Anne L. Calhoun
Mar. 25	Toby Ann Mead	Edmond J. Mead, Jr. Charlene Van Riper
Apr. 2	——— Stecker	Raymond J. Stecker Mathilde Ros
May 1	Stephen Adams Titcomb	Allan Titcomb Dorothy B. Adams
May 8	Cynthia Jean Hey	Jesse W. Hey Hazel M. Morrison
May 9	Ruth Anne Bailey	Perley H. Bailey Janis M. Curtis
May 22	Jane Elizabeth Comins	Ellsworth D. Comins, Jr. Norma Jane Wilson
May 27	Donna Lee Walsh	Robert Randall Walsh Barbara Lee Perkins
June 22	John Wilfred Goodwin	Frank W. Goodwin Shirley A. Wilson
July 9	James Duncan McElman	C. James McElman Martha Ewing
July 9	Thomas Gary Wehling	Arthur S. Wehling Dorothy R. Nicoll
July 15	Jacquelyn Marie Tyson	Donald R. Tyson Carol E. Pratt

Aug. 6	Mark Russell Fulton	Robert Oscar Fulton Shirley Joan Palm
Aug. 14	Jeffery Matthew Nangle	Philip H. Nangle Jacqueline L. Saulnier
Aug. 19	Michael Donovan	Richard V. Donovan Gertrude C. Speck
Aug. 27	Rebecca Lee Graves	Richard H. Graves Helen E. Doucette
Sept. 15	Steven Aram Chooljian	Aram E. Chooljian Anthonette Moronis
Sept. 20	Lori Nangle	Leonard J. Nangle Gloria B. Richer
Oct. 1	Carolyn Jean Brett	Oliver C. Brett, Jr. Irene Rostron
Oct. 5	Martha Anne Price	Alexander G. Price Susan B. Manley
Oct. 19	Venetia Jean Constantine	Basil G. Constantine, Jr. Louise Ann Keddie
Oct. 31	Wayne David Moore	Ronald L. Moore Natalie R. Tidd
Nov. 6	Kathleen Joan Noyes	Alerson E. Noyes Katherine I. Gamble
Nov. 16	Deborah Anne McGregor	Gardner F. McGregor Louise Eldridge

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING 1958

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
Jan. 4	David F. Emery	Boxford, Mass.
	Dorine R. Lumb	Methuen, Mass.
Jan. 28	Ernest B. Johnston, Jr.	Washington, D.C.
	Joan Lord	Boxford, Mass.
Apr. 22	Robert H. Doucette	Boxford, Mass.
	Jeanette Girarde	Saugus, Mass.

May 12 —	Bobby Wayne Christian	Nacogodoches, Texas
	Margaret M. (Driscoll) Haseman	Boxford, Mass.
June 21 —	Charles A. Valley	Boxford, Mass.
	Nancy M. Cregan	Everett, Mass.
Sept. 27 —	Evelyn N. Perry	Boxford, Mass.
	John F. Lynch	Danvers, Mass.
Sept. 27 —	Vivian J. Spooner	Boxford, Mass.
	Gerald W. Wass	Eastport, Me.
Sept. 27 —	Herbert Gerry Lipsett	Marblehead, Mass.
	Valerie Alayne Shaw	Boxford, Mass.
Dec. 12 —	Warren G. Abbott	Arlington, Mass.
	Pamela G. Kimball	Boxford, Mass.
Dec. 26 —	Bomar G. Kramer	Boxford, Mass.
	Ann (Nowell) Rowen	Chestnut Hills, Mass.
Dec. 27 —	David H. Fieldhouse	Boxford, Mass.
	Marilyn L. Malmquist	Dedham, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED DURING 1958

Date	*Name*	*Age*		
1957		Yrs.	M.	D.
Dec. 14 —	Female Infant Green	—	—	—
Dec. 28 —	Robert B. Hebb	68	6	17
1958				
Jan. 5 —	Bridget Kelleher	67	11	6
Jan. 12 —	Harold Lawrence Cassino	71	—	—
Feb. 16 —	Avard P. Lyon	77	1	5
Feb. 27 —	Van Augustus Trask	70	—	—
Mar. 11 —	John Brennan	49	—	—
Mar. 18 —	Arthur Wilburn Allen	70	3	18
Apr. 2 —	Male Infant Stecker	—	—	—
May 12 —	Elwin Carleton Bemis	57	6	17
June 14 —	Iva M. McGray (Clark)	64	8	11
July 1 —	Thomas Pickering	19	—	—
July 4 —	Beverly A. Xeras	17	6	11

July 6 — Roy Minard Lothrop	76	6	5
July 28 — Harlan P. Kelsey	86	—	19
Aug. 21 — Clarence T. Knights	79	2	19
Oct. 4 — Etta M. (Frye) French	79	10	6
Oct. 20 — Mary Ann (Benedict) Small	69	0	4

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1958

84 Resident Fishing at $3.25	$273.00
63 Resident Hunting at $3.25	204.75
31 Resident Sporting at $5.25	162.75
22 Minor Fishing at $1.25	27.50
23 Female Fishing at $2.25	51.75
1 Trapping at $7.75	7.75
2 Non-resident Fishing at 7.75	15.50
1 Duplicate at $.50	.50
7 Free Sporting	
Total Revenue	$743.50
226 fees at $0.25 to Town Clerk	56.50
Remitted to Dept. Fisheries & Game	$687.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1958

122	Males at $2.00	$244.00
24	Females at $5.00	120.00
52	Spayed at $2.00	104.00
11	Kennels at $10.00	110.00
3	Kennels at $25.00	75.00
		$653.00
	Fees at $0.25	53.00
	Remitted to Town Treasurer	$600.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

No. of Persons Assessed	Indiv.	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	11	4	15
On Real Estate Only	524	16	540
On Both Personal and Real Estate	124	3	127
Total Number of Persons Assessed			682
Number of Polls Assessed			451

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:		
Stock in Trade	$5,505.00	
Machinery	9,800.00	
Live Stock	4,389.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	301,790.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Property		$321,484.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land Exclusive of Buildings	$473,020.00	
Buildings Exclusive of Land	1,985,235.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$2,458,255.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		$2,779,739.00
Tax Rate per $1,000 = $68.00		
Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes, including Overlay:		
On Personal Estate	$21,860.91	
On Real Estate	167,161.34	
On Polls	902.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		$189,924.25
Number of Live Stock Assessed:		
Horses (1 year or older)		22
Neat Cattle (1 year old, or over) Cows (Milch)		101

Bulls	4	
Yearlings: steers	2	
Heifers	3	
Swine (6 months old or over)	425	
Sheep (6 months old or over)	95	
Fowl	25,519	
All Other: Mink—250 Ponies—3	253	
Number of Acres of Land Assessed		14,189
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed		489
Commissioner's Value of Motor Vehicles		748,620.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles Assessed		31,957.77
Number of Vehicles Assessed		1,296

Motor Vehicle Excise Rate = $60.25

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 1, 1959

Board of Selectmen, Boxford, Mass.
Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year 1958, I submit the following report:

Number of places inspected	13
Number of bovine animals	118
Number of horses	7
Number of sheep	30

This has been done in accordance with directions of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES — 1955

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1958	$ 959.01	
Interest Collected	80.93	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		$ 516.51
Personal Property		295.32
Motor Vehicle Excise		5.70
Interest		80.93
Transferred to Tax Title Account		141.48
	$ 1,039.94	$ 1,039.94

TAXES — 1956

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1958	$ 4,370.79	
Interest Collected	213.80	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		2.00
Real Estate		2,815.22
Personal Property		685.20
Classified Forest Land		14.40
Motor Vehicle Excise		70.05
Interest		213.80
Abatements:		
Motor Vehicle Excise		185.58
Transferred to Tax Title Account		157.20
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1958		441.14
	$ 4,584.59	$ 4,584.59

TAXES — 1957

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1958	$ 17,801.66
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	2,791.67
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	254.60
Interest Collected	216.82

Taxes Collected:		
Poll		22.00
Real Estate		7,801.97
Personal Property		1,112.80
Farm Animal Excise		34.33
Motor Vehicle Excise		6,731.46
Interest		216.82
Abatements:		
Motor Vehicle Excise		263.77
Transferred to Tax Title Account		222.30
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1958		4,659.30
	$ 21,064.75	$ 21,064.75

TAXES — 1958

Poll Tax Commitment	$ 902.00	
Real Estate Commitments	168,424.10	
Personal Property Commitment	21,860.91	
Classified Forest Land Commitment	111.86	
Farm Animal Excise Commitment	291.08	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	31,957.77	
Real Estate Refunds	360.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,049.13	
Interest Collected	34.55	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		$ 788.00
Real Estate		149,757.94
Personal Property		20,721.57
Classified Forest Land		84.32
Farm Animal Excise		188.43
Motor Vehicle Excise		27,611.70
Interest		34.55
Abatements:		
Poll		64.00
Real Estate		4,224.16
Personal Property		23.80
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,382.52

Transferred to Tax Title Account		244.46
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1958		18,866.35
	$224,991.80	$224,991.80

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SNOW REMOVAL

Uncollected January 1, 1958	$ 434.25	
Uncollected December 31, 1958		$ 434.25
	$ 434.25	$ 434.25

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$160,891.64
Personal Property	22,814.89
Poll	812.00
Classified Forest Land	98.72
Farm Animal Excise	222.76
Motor Vehicle Excise	34,418.91
Interest	546.10
Paid to Treasurer	$219,805.02

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Collector

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Winthrop P. Haynes, President
Milton E. Lord, Vice-President
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Seth L. Kelsey Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.
Margaret Lane

LIBRARIANS

Bertha Perley Lucy K. Parkhurst

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons 2:30 - 5:30

Realization that successful living depends on a "better-read, better-informed America" has become more than ever apparent to the average citizen. Our Library has tried to furnish as wide a variety of reading material as possible of "what has been, what is, and what might be."

With higher costs of maintenance and of books, it has not been possible to purchase enough books to meet the requests of the increasing number of borrowers in our parish. If it had not been for the Mobile Library Service from the State Regional Library Center, located in North Reading, the supply of books would have been inadequate.

Since January 1958, a total of 1933 books have been borrowed from the Bookmobile. Circulation adult fiction 762; adult non-fiction 654; juvenile fiction 370; juvenile non-fiction 147. Books purchased for our Library in 1958 total 194. Added

by gifts 24. Total circulation of Boxford Public Library books adult fiction 1,511; adult non-fiction 1,342; juvenile fiction 2,142; juvenile non-fiction 387. These figures show the need of the continuance of the Bookmobile Service.

The Massachusetts Division of Library Extension recommends that this service be taken over by the State, and therefore has included in the budget request for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959, full expenses for financing the State Regional Library Center at North Reading with State funds rather than the present federal money-grant-in-aid. This request will need strong citizen interest and active support through our legislators. It would be worthwhile for everyone to try to visit the Bookmobile at least once when it comes to Boxford. The date and hour can be learned from the librarians.

Book deposits have continued to be made in our schools. Good interest in the Children's State Certificate Reading Program has been maintained with the cooperation of the teachers. Two hundred and thirty-five Five Book Certificates and 39 Honor Certificates have been awarded this past year.

The Trustees are very grateful to all who have contributed in any way in making our library of greater service and interest to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER PERLEY,

Secretary

WEST BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

West Boxford, Mass.

OFFICERS

Mrs. Alexander Price, President
Dr. Laurence Frizzell, Vice-President
Miss Ruby F. Nason, Secretary
Mrs. Richard Spofford, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Alexander Price, Chairman

Captain Richard P. Chadwick Mr. E. Laurence Colby

The library is open to the public every Wednesday and Saturday from 2 - 5 and 7 - 9 p.m.

Number of borrowers totaled 217 during 1958.

Books and magazines circulated were 4,808, an increase of 676 over 1957.

Two hundred and eight books were added to the collection, 196 were purchased and 12 were presented.

At the end of the school year 58 State Reading Certificates were awarded to pupils in grades four through eight.

The Library Thrift Shop donated to the library $300.00 to be used for the purchase of books. This was made possible by the efforts of the Shop committee and the many interested people in the community who gave their time and their donations of articles to sell.

To all those who assisted in any way to make the library more helpful in 1958, we are deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Have picked up all stray dogs reported to me. Answered minor calls about dogs being a nuisance.

Have turned all money collected by me for licenses over to the Town Clerk.

There are a few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

December 31, 1958

Total permits issued for the year 1958:

	Number	*Value*
New houses and garage	48	$804,600.00
Alterations and additions	13	27,850.00
Sheds and garages	10	8,500.00
TOTAL	71	$840,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,

Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE DUTCH ELM DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

There were many dead elm trees this year.

A program of scouting was carried out with the help of the State Department. Many samples of suspected trees were taken. At a later date the State crew, under Supt. Frank Colombo, came in for four days to help take the condemned trees down.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

The infestation was spotty this past year. The spraying of these areas was very effective. The spraying of all trees along the roads was carried out successfully.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:

We have cut many trees that were hollow and very dangerous to the highway.

There are many dead limbs that overhang the roads that are dangerous and must be removed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

Report for the year 1958:

147 Permits
290 Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	6
Beam scales	1
Computing scales	3
Spring scales	9
Balance scales	1
Gasoline Meters	4
Grease pumps	1
Steel tapes	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
FOR THE YEAR 1958

EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
218	758	116	3	31

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER
CLINTON B. NASON
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 19, 1959

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the police department activities for the year 1958:

Classified:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	40
Special Police service calls	30
Ambulance calls	22
Arrests	9
Camp inspections	12
Complaints	106
Prowlers	6
House Breaks	11
Calls for Recusitator	3
Court Appearances	22
Stolen cars recovered	2
Pistol Permits	14
Camp Breaks	4
Dog Damage Complaints	3
Fires	6
Larceny	15
Summonses	26
Arrests by State Police	21

The new cruiser was purchased from the Regan Motor Company of Haverhill, the low bidder in the competitive contract.

The department lost two men by resignation, and Richard V. Donovan was sworn in to replace one.

There will be a list of special police officers sworn in from Middleton, Topsfield and Boxford for special duty at the new Regional School. As this is a function of the three towns it is felt that there should be an equal share in the duty. The whole operation will be under the jurisdiction of the Boxford Police Department.

Regular patrols and property inspections have been maintained throughout the year.

This department has assisted at all the unannounced road blocks which were set up by the registry.

A school of ten weeks duration, operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and held in the Haverhill High School was attended by members of the Boxford Police Department. This covered many approaches to everyday police work and the instruction received should prove very helpful.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, Fire Department, other town officers and all the townspeople for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

A Superior Court decision upholding the Board's refusal to approve the so-called Bald Hill subdivision, a legal action brought by the developers against the Board directly, undoubtedly established a precedent that will prevent future haphazard residential growth on seldom-used wood roads and cart paths which would be costly to the town.

Three subdivisions came before the Board during the past year. One was dropped. The other two were approved. A number of houses have been built in the Boxford Highlands area and the section known as Greenacres. Also during the year a number of lots have been created on existing ways.

Based on preliminary talks, the Board expects at least two subdivisions to be filed in 1959.

The Board was asked to cooperate in studies leading to the development of a swimming and recreation area. The private development of pond frontage and the rise in price of waterfront property plus the strategic acquisitions of choice shore areas by out-of-town organizations have combined to rule out any simple or inexpensive solution. There are several areas under consideration. Presently the Board is awaiting replies to correspondence on a likely site.

With the co-operation of Winthrop Haynes and Robert Parkhurst, the Board has started mapping the town, a preliminary step to a master plan. The Board is studying a proposed conservation program, future industrial site locations and a long-range capital budget plan, the need for which is clearly evident by the mounting tax burden. In keeping with this objective the Board took an active part in the negotiations leading to the purchase of the Auger property in West Boxford to help handle future school needs.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON, Chairman

SIMEON S. PEARL

J. WARREN CHADWICK

E. LAWRENCE COLBY

CHARLES P. A. NELSON

WILLIAM E. DORMAN

WARREN GODFREY, Clerk

Planning Board

REPORT OF THE NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

During 1958 the following services were performed by this Department:

Discharge (certified copy)	10
Discharge (recorded)	12
Forms notarized	30
Photostats	165
Taxes	34
Annual Income Report	35
Compensation	12
Pension	14
Burial Allowance	11
Education-Training	15
Insurance	9
Power of Attorney	37
Correction of Discharge	1
Out-Patient Treatment	4
Miscellaneous	40

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$1,200.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. (Services)	49.15
Veterans Information Service, Frank Ostlin Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans Laws)	9.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$1,260.65

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
Agent

	N. Andover	*Boxford*	*Total*
Balance carried over from 1957	$18.39	$5.83	$24.22
Appropriated in 1958, Section 11 Chapter 599, Acts of 1946 Raised by the Assessors in 1958 Tax Levy	1,105.00	155.00	1,260.00
Totals	$1,123.39	$160.83	$1,284.22
Expended to Dec. 31, 1958 (A)	1,105.46	155.19	1,260.65
Balance, December 31, 1958	$17.93	$5.64	$23.57

(A) Basis for Apportionment Chapter 599, Acts of 1945, An Act Establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00	— Per Cent .8769
Boxford	1,317,220.00	— Per Cent .1231

District Department of Veterans Service

JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

FIRES

East Boxford	**West Boxford**
2 Car fires — Rte. 95	1 Barn fire
1 House fire	1 Car fire
3 Chimney fires	
1 Clothes dryer	
1 Oil burner	
1 call to Regional School	

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

FIRES

East Boxford	West Boxford
10 Grass and woods fires	4 Grass and woods fires
1 Dump fire	1 Dump fire

Please obtain a permit for all OUTDOOR FIRES. There is no charge. Call TUcker 7-5596.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

A new road was cut through a section of the Town Forest that has not been easy to get to in case of fire. About 75 to 100 yards either side of this new road was thinned out and considerable stove-size wood, about ten cord or more, was realized.

Each year the forest is becoming a more beautiful place to walk or drive through, and should become a real asset to the town for future generations.

$400.00 was appropriated and the full amount used.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS

ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

The year 1958 has seen many accomplishments in furthering the Civil Defense effort in this town.

Boxford has participated in the Surplus Property Program of the State, and in the early part of this year we received from the Navy Department a 1951 Dodge one-half ton pick-up truck which has been placed in operation. The Police Department has also received some surplus revolvers under this same program.

During the Fourth of July weekend, Civil Defense in this area participated in "Operation Road Watch" in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This was carried out again over the Labor Day weekend, and the results from this area were satisfactory.

Operational readiness is being maintained by means of a weekly schedule by radio with the Sector 1E Headquarters at Tewksbury.

The Boxford Operations Plan is now completed and is being forwarded to the State for its approval. This Operations Plan includes all departments within the town and all necessary data on any contingency that might arise.

Various meetings were attended at the State and Sector level for the purpose of training on Operational Readiness.

The cooperation of all departments in the Town is gratefully appreciated.

Respectfully,

GORDON RUSSELL,
Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the year 1958, communicable diseases and dog bite cases were reported to the Board of Health as follows:

Disease	*No. of Cases*
Mumps	4
German Measles	2
Measles	34
Chicken Pox	9
Infectious Hepatitis	2
	—
	51
Dog Bite	5

The Board of Health views with surprise the small number of cases of German measles (Rubella) and mumps reported. This is due either to a failure to call a physician for these common and easily recognizable diseases, or over-zealous protection by parents of their children. It must be emphasized that all girls should have German measles in childhood, and that both sexes should be immunized to mumps by contracting the disease before the age of puberty.

Licenses for the year were granted as follows:

Recreational Camps	7
Slaughter	2
Milk dealers	9
Milk producers	1
Manufacture of ice cream	1

The following report is submitted by Tracy I. Flagg, Sanitary Engineer for the Board of Health:

With the end of 1958, I have completed the preliminary and final inspections of forty-six sewage disposal installations at new homes. Prior to final approvals, the wells had to be located in such a way as to be reasonably protected from contamination. There were also four installations that received

major alterations and/or renewals. These were also considered in regard to the locations of wells and sources of pollution. In this same area of sanitation, at their request, I was able to advise the Appeal Board relative to a matter of sewage disposal and water supply.

Water samples were obtained from the public schools in order to insure that bacteriologically safe water was being used. Other public buildings and several homes were sampled also. All samples were found to be safe for drinking and culinary use at the time of sampling.

Six areas proposed for subdivisions of land were considered regarding their adaptability for good housing. At least two were found to require very extensive drainage improvements before they would be suitable for the proper disposal of sewage in areas depending on private wells. No further action has taken place with these proposed plans.

Several food handling establishments were inspected. Recommendations of the local Board of Health and of the Division of Food and Drugs, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, were left with the owners. Some changes would have to be completed in a short period of time; others, involving matters of secondary public health significance would be best handled as long-term plans.

In the last annual report the Board of Health made the promise . . . "to clean up the present approach to the dump from Spofford Road to the beginning of the circle," etc. Up to date the promise has not been completely fulfilled, but a good beginning has been made. It was found that the erection of an adequate fence along the road was prohibitively costly. As a compromise the northern entry to the dump was closed, and a gate placed at the main entrance nearer Ipswich Road.

After consulting with four residents of Boxford, who refused the position as caretaker, the Board appointed Mr. Edward Wilmot of Georgetown to this post. Mr. Wilmot began work the last week of July and has done an excellent job. The

terms under which he is working are the receipt of a small weekly stipend paid by the town, plus the total salvage from the dump. It is our hope that the citizens of the town will separate salvageable material, such as newspapers, corrugated cartons, and scrap metal from the trash. This is important because if we are to keep Mr. Wilmot on the job he must realize all the money possible from salvage to eke out his small stipend. Many who have visited the dump have remarked on his helpfulness to women and his courteous attitude toward everyone. The number of people from outside towns using our dump has been greatly reduced.

During December an 8 x 12 foot shelter was built by Mr. George Wood. It is a sturdy little building which is mounted on skids so that it can be moved easily, should the occasion arise.

This Board acknowledges its gratitude to Mr. Eric Bergstrom for the gift of an excellent door and to Mr. George Wood for his gift of two windows with double-hung sash for the shelter.

During the past year, fill has been removed for roads and other purposes by Clinton French, Melvin W. Smallwood and the State Engineers. This has resulted in a sizeable excavation which is ideal for dumping. Trash can be burned with safety almost daily throughout the year.

The disposal of brush, tree stumps and trees which have been victims of the Dutch Elm disease poses a real problem. The Town Forest Committee dug a deep hole for this purpose several years ago, but the actual burning of this area is a difficult one and should be a combined community project.

It should be realized that Boxford is one of the most fortunate towns in Essex County in-so-far as the size, location, and inoffensiveness of its dump is concerned. As our population continues to grow at such an accelerated pace, everyone must assume a civic responsibility for its neatness. Anyone who visits the dump will be aware of the fact that real progress

has been made. However, much work is still needed to clean up the areas near Spofford Road, formerly used for indiscriminate trash disposal. Much of the removal of bottles and tin cans will have to be done by hand. This would be a splendid project for the Boy Scouts, with some assistance from their elders. There is no reason why the portion of the dump visible from the road should not look like a park.

The Board of Health wishes to thank the townspeople for their cooperation and hopes that they will continue to aid us in the proper care of the dump in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MADDOCK, M.D.

RAYMOND PERLEY

HARRY L. COLE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The cost of general relief is higher in 1958 due to an increase in applications for aid from persons ineligible for other types of relief. It is hoped that, with the expected upturn in employment in 1959, the total cost of this program will decrease.

The reports of other forms of relief in which the state and federal governments participate will be found in the Central Essex Welfare District and the District Department of Veterans' Services reports.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE

CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Old Age Assistance:

Average case count		14
Boxford settled	5	
State settled	6	
Other cities and towns	3	

Aid to Dependent Children: (No settlement in ADC)

Average case count	2	(8 children)

Disability Assistance: (No settlement in DA)

Average case count	3

During 1958 one Aid to Dependent Children case was added, with the other catagories remaining constant.

Medical expenditures were again lower, due to many factors but primarily due to the lack of need for acute hospital care.

Total Medical Expenditures:

1956	1957	1958
$6,926.62	$3,235.08	$2,672.10

Reimbursement formulas were changed in the fall of 1958, giving the town a slightly larger share of federal funds, and simplifies the matching formulas used in all catagories.

Revisions and reductions for the months of June, July, and August, of the fuel and light item in the recipients budgets caused a great deal of confusion and discontent. Recipients of Old Age Assistance in particular find it difficult to adjust to changes.

In September 1958, we returned to vendor payments for nursing home care, and it is hoped that in the not too far distant future, all medical costs will be met in this manner. The

present method of payment is cumbersome and inefficient. All recipients are given copies of any bills paid for them by vendor method, and in this way are always informed of payment made for medical care.

The agent wishes to thank all of the town officials and townspeople for their help and cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,

Agent

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

During the early part of the year the interior of the Town Hall was repaired, painted and new light fixtures installed. In the spring the shrubs around the building were trimmed. The West Boxford Improvement Society painted the exterior of Lincoln Hall, so that at present both halls are in reasonably good condition. Temporary use of Lincoln Hall was granted the Second Parish Sunday School while the vestry of the church was being repaired. The First Parish is making use of the Town Hall for the primary classes of the Sunday School.

Only minor repairs have been necessary at the Community House which is still being used as a nursery school. In the fall Dr. Audrey A. Bill, public health physician from the Department of Public Health, accompanied by Mr. Newman, building inspector from the Department of Public Safety, by invitation, visited this school in a survey of buildings in various parts of the state where nursery schools and kindergartens are conducted. Dr. Bill is convinced that safety inspections and regulations are far more important for buildings housing the pre-school children than those now covered under the law.

On Arbor Day a red-flowering dogwood was donated and planted on the lower common by the Kelsey-Highlands Nursery at which time appropriate exercises were held. Later in

the year the Nursery donated and planted six evergreens near the new town shed beside the Town Hall.

The Haverhill Gas Company extended gas service on State Route 97 and down Kelsey Road to the Boxford Highlands Development in 1958.

The town acquired a 1,170 gallon tank truck for the Fire Department and the Telephone Company installed a "Red Net Work" and alarm system in the east parish during the past year.

The town officials were invited to the ground breaking exercises at the Masconomet Regional School on April 14th, which begins a new era in the educational system of the town.

Several new traffic control signs were installed on Route 133 and in other congested areas.

The highway work for 1958 has consisted of extending the black-top for the entire length of Oak Ridge Road under special appropriation. Hemlock Road, a portion of Baldpate Road and two sections of Spofford Road have been oiled under Chapter 81. This is in addition to the usual maintenance of roads under this chapter.

The work under Chapter 90 Construction begun in 1957 on Topsfield Road was completed in 1958. A new project on Main Street was undertaken and nearly completed.

The work done with funds allotted from the state and county was under the supervision of the State District Highway Engineers.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1958

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector

Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$149,757.94	
Personal Property	20,721.57	
Poll	788.00	
		$171,267.51
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 11,133.70	
Personal Property	2,093.32	
Poll	24.00	
		$ 13,251.02
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1955	$ 5.70	
Levy of 1956	70.05	
Levy of 1957	6,731.46	
Levy of 1958	27,611.70	
		$ 34,418.91
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1956	$ 14.40	
Levy of 1958	84.32	
		$ 98.72
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1957	$ 34.33	
Levy of 1958	188.43	
		$ 222.76
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 16,347.82	
Chap. 90 Construction	9,000.00	
Chap. 718 Highway Fund	3,000.00	
		$ 28,347.82

For Education:

School Superintendent	$ 896.00	
Chap. 70, School Aid	10,998.34	
Aid, School Construction	2,845.47	
Education and Transportation	10,804.89	
Vocational Education	31.65	
		$ 25,576.35

For Taxes, etc.:

Income Tax	$ 2,945.00	
Corporation Taxes	5,130.00	
Loss of Taxes	1,455.04	
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	317.58	
Snow Removal	83.00	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
School Lunch Program	2,580.99	
		$ 12,536.61

For Aid and Relief:

Old Age Assistance	$ 5,258.35	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	6,262.26	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,102.50	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,865.00	
Disability Assistance	1,122.46	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,437.50	
Veterans' Benefits	801.50	
		$ 17,849.57

County of Essex:

For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$ 3,000.00	
Dog License Refund	429.14	
Dog Board Refund	22.00	
		$ 3,451.14

Trust and Investment Funds:		
J. T. Barker School Fund	$ 1,200.00	
Interest on School Funds	134.39	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	110.76	
West Parish	95.63	
		$ 1,540.78
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 360.73	
Highway	164.75	
Public Welfare	529.87	
Appeal Board	60.00	
School	262.68	
Board of Health	67.14	
		$ 1,445.17
Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$ 556.50	
Slaughter	1,000.00	
Building	751.00	
Sewerage	530.00	
Junk	7.00	
Revolver	24.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	5.00	
Peddler	12.00	
Recreational Camp	3.50	
Lord's Day	.50	
		$ 2,894.50
Unclassified:		
Interest on Taxes	$ 546.10	
School Lunch Program	6,434.76	
County Retirement	1,701.87	
Withholding Tax Deductions	8,531.85	
Rent of Town Halls	272.00	
Rent of Community House	80.00	
Departmental Refunds	80.82	

Use of Telephones	66.80	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	390.00	
Insurance Claim	12.18	
Pay Station Commission	42.82	
Manchester Fire Refund	200.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	35.78	
Court Fines	20.00	
		$ 18,414.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$331,315.84

EXPENDITURES FOR 1958

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,233.59	
Board of Public Welfare	248.82	
Assessors	1,789.86	
Treasurer	491.65	
Town Clerk	383.54	
Accountant	1,624.48	
Collector	1,692.39	
Registrars	95.63	
Elections	446.15	
Town Counsel	1,100.00	
Appeal Board	65.00	
Building Inspector	650.00	
Wire Inspector	650.00	
Finance Committee	10.00	
Board of Health	2,296.22	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	941.27	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$ 13,768.60

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 31.96	
Dog Officer	78.00	
Police	3,621.51	
Forest Warden	2,497.61	
Fire Warden	2,496.93	
Tree Warden	989.90	
Moth Suppression	1,000.66	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,168.00	
Tank Truck	4,499.59	
Police Cruiser	980.00	
		$ 17,364.16

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$ 1,179.90	
Disability Assistance	2,901.64	
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	528.95	
Old Age Assistance	11,402.20	
Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant	2,394.09	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,437.05	
Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant	630.65	
Veterans' Benefits	1,925.23	
Central Essex Welfare District Administration	449.00	
		$ 24,848.71

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$109,337.88	
School Department, 1957 Account	1,746.95	
School House Committee, 1954 Account	20.63	
New School, 1954 Account	22.28	
Vocational Education	51.00	
School Lunch Program	8,583.69	
East Parish Library	625.33	
West Parish Library	610.20	
Cole School Classrooms	9,751.72	
Vocational Education, 1957 Account	12.60	
		$130,762.28

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 19,273.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, Main Street	9,992.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, Topsfield Road	63.40	
Baldpate Road, 1955 Account	30.89	
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	621.64	
Snow Removal and Sanding	9,950.06	
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,560.07	
Street Lighting	747.96	
Highway Vacation Account	1,009.00	
Baldpate Road	500.00	
Oak Ridge Road	750.00	
Highway Fund	1,000.00	
		$ 45,498.02

UNCLASSIFIED

Regional District School	$ 13,137.74
Town Halls	1,801.60
Public Grounds	111.20
Insurance	6,083.37
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldier's Graves	200.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Auger Land Purchase	7,000.00
Clerical	483.00
Withholding Tax Deductions	8,531.85
Town Reports	657.00
Civil Defense	472.54
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	464.03
Essex Sanatorium	1,941.27
Veteran's Service District	155.00
State Parks and Reservations	632.92
County Tax	5,576.57
County Retirement System	2,615.56

County Retirement Deductions	1,701.87	
Community House	80.27	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,303.73	
Real Estate Tax Refund	360.40	
Dog Licenses to County	556.50	
Principal of Maturing Debt	7,000.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,462.50	
Land Damage	350.00	
State Audit Municipal Accounts	976.42	
		$ 65,555.34
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$297,797.11

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1958

ASSETS

Cash: General		$196,178.57
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1956:		
Real Estate	$387.60	
Personal Property	57.00	
		444.60
Levy of 1957:		
Poll	$6.00	
Real Estate	4,224.62	
Personal Property	141.05	
		4,371.67
Levy of 1958:		
Poll	$50.00	
Real Estate	14,557.94	
Personal Property	1,115.54	
		15,723.48

Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1957	$266.18	
Levy of 1958	3,012.68	
		3,278.86
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1958		102.65
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1957	21.45	
Levy of 1958	27.54	
		48.99
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	529.32	
Veterans' Services	749.38	
Highway Snow Removal	434.25	
		1,712.95
Tax Titles		872.79
State and County Aid to Highways		19,582.34
Underestimates:		
County Tax		670.21
		$242,987.11

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$95,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds — Cash and Securities	$56,463.62

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1958

Liabilities

Reserve until Collected:		
Tax Titles	$872.79	
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	3,275.40	
Departmental Revenue	1,712.95	
Special Assessment Revenue	151.64	
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue	19,582.34	
		$25,595.12
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1956	$444.60	
Levy of 1957	4,371.67	
Levy of 1958	13,130.78	
		17,947.05
Overlay Surplus — Reserve		25,866.52
Excess and Deficiency		141,031.61
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	$10,686.98	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,141.17	
Disability Assistance	2,864.71	
		16,692.86
J. T. Barker Fund		7,552.13
School Lunch Program		1,037.37
Road Machinery Fund		1,610.29
Old Age Assistance Recovery		390.00
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1956		3.46
Appropriation Accounts:		
Goodwin Plans — 1954 Account	$100.00	
School — 1958 Account	4,842.10	
Cole School Classrooms	248.28	
Vocational Education — 1958 Acc't.	5.40	
Civil Defense	57.74	
		5,253.52

Overestimates:	
State Parks and Reservations	7.18
	$242,987.11

DEBT ACCOUNT

New School Loan	$95,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$36,574.01	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	4,372.19	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,092.04	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,550.21	
Curtis and Killam Burial Lot Fund	280.13	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	1,095.04	
		$56,463.62

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1958

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$ 1,200.00	
Office Supplies	9.59	
State and County Association Dues	24.00	
Total Expenditures	1,233.59	
Balance to revenue	66.41	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$ 248.00	
Office expenses	.82	
Total expenditures	248.82	
Balance to revenue	51.18	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$ 1,800.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	$ 1,200.00	
Clerical	434.75	
Abstracts	46.53	
Office supplies	99.58	
State and County Association Dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	1,789.86	
Balance to revenue	10.14	
	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 350.00	
Bond	122.50	
Office supplies	12.75	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.40	
State Association Dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	491.65	
Balance to revenue	158.35	
	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$ 450.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 308.13	
Bond	5.00	
Office expense	62.91	
State Association Dues	7.50	
Total expenditures	383.54	
Balance to revenue	66.46	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Collector

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Salary, Collector	$ 1,200.00	
Bonds	230.75	
Office expense	259.64	
State Association Dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,692.39	
Balance to revenue	7.61	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Salary, Accountant	$ 1,350.00	
Office supplies	274.48	
Total expenditures	1,624.48	
Balance to revenue	75.52	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$ 1,100.00

Salary, Town Counsel	$ 500.00	
Parkman, Robbins & Russell	600.00	
	$ 1,100.00	$ 1,100.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$ 25.00
State Association dues	$ 10.00	
Balance to revenue	15.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 95.63	
Balance to revenue	104.37	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Elections

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Election Officers	$ 293.75	
Services, Town Clerk	27.50	
Printing and supplies	124.90	
Total expenditures	446.15	
Balance to revenue	153.85	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Advertising	$ 65.00	
Balance to revenue	85.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$ 25.00
Balance to revenue	$ 25.00	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Services, Building Inspector	$ 600.00	
Office expense	50.00	
Total expenditures	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$ 500.00	
Office expense	150.00	
Total expenditures	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$ 2,150.00
Transfer from Insurance		150.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$ 200.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	545.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker	357.86	
Maintenance of Dump	645.00	
Hospitalization	196.50	
Gate and Signs	124.96	
Office Supplies	15.70	
Rubbish Collection	8.40	

Building	202.80	
Total expenditures	$ 2,296.22	
Balance to revenue	3.78	
	$ 2,300.00	$ 2,300.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$ 941.27	
Total expenditures	941.27	
Balance to revenue	258.73	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 35.00
Salary, Sealer	$ 25.00	
Office expense	6.96	
Total expenditures	31.96	
Balance to revenue	3.04	
	$ 35.00	$ 35.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$ 60.00
Transfer from Reserve		10.00
Refunds from Essex County		22.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 50.00	
Board and disposal of stray dogs	28.00	
Total expenditures	$ 78.00	
Balance to revenue	14.00	
	$ 92.00	$ 92.00

Police

Appropriation		$3,750.00
Labor	$ 2,700.88	
Use of Cars	13.10	
Insurance	75.00	
Equipment	167.92	
Telephone	139.55	
Repairs	203.62	
Gasoline	280.89	
Signs	23.80	
Uniform	16.75	
Total expenditures	$ 3,621.51	
Balance to revenue	128.49	
	$ 3,750.00	$ 3,750.00

Police Cruiser

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
New cruiser	$ 980.00	
Balance to revenue	20.00	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$ 230.00	
Labor	479.00	
Janitor Service	110.00	
Telephones	380.77	
Equipment	836.00	
Repairs	74.70	
Gasoline	36.42	
Fuel	74.70	
Association dues and subscription	6.50	
Total expenditures	$ 2,497.61	
Balance to revenue	2.39	
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Labor	$ 448.50	
Janitor service	230.00	
Equipment	283.34	
Repairs	841.57	
Telephones	459.43	
Fuel	149.49	
Gasoline	75.60	
Oxygen	6.00	
Snow removal	3.00	
Total expenditures	$ 2,496.93	
Balance to revenue	3.07	
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

Tank Truck Account

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Truck	$ 2,450.00	

Tank	950.00	
Equipment	1,099.59	
Total expenditures	$ 4,499.59	
Balance to revenue	.41	
	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Labor	$ 270.00	
Trucks	66.00	
Tractor	6.50	
Power Saw	14.00	
Contract Work	633.40	
Total expenditures	989.90	
Balance to revenue	10.10	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Labor	$ 197.85	
Spraying	472.31	
Truck	30.00	
Supplies	272.50	
Tractor	28.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,000.66	
Balance to revenue	299.34	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Labor	$ 348.00	

Trucks	59.25	
Tractor	17.50	
Contract Work	743.25	
Total expenditures	$ 1,168.00	
Balance to revenue	32.00	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Refund		20.00
Transfer from Reserve		70.00
Cash	$ 410.00	
Medical	9.26	
Fuel and Light	171.57	
Hospital	113.07	
Burial	290.00	
Other cities and towns	186.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,179.90	
Transfer to Welfare District	101.00	
	1,280.90	
Balance to revenue	9.10	
	$ 1,290.00	$ 1,290.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$ 11,400.00
Refund		2.20
Cash	$ 10,786.07	
Other cities and towns	616.13	
	$ 11,402.20	$ 11,402.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1957		$ 6,818.81
Federal Grants		6,262.26
Cash	2,394.09	
Balance to 1959	10,686.98	
	$ 13,081.07	$ 13,081.07

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$ 3,450.00
Cash	$ 3,437.05	
Balance to revenue	12.95	
	$ 3,450.00	$ 3,450.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1957		$ 1,906.82
Federal Grants		1,865.00
Cash	$ 630.65	
Balance to 1959	3,141.17	
	$ 3,771.82	$ 3,771.82

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$2,950.00
Cash	$ 2,901.64	
Balance to revenue	48.36	
	$ 2,950.00	$ 2,950.00

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1957		$ 1,956.16
Federal Grants		1,437.50
Cash	$ 528.95	
Balance to 1959	2,864.71	
	$ 3,393.66	$ 3,393.66

Central Essex Welfare District Administration

Appropriation		$ 348.00
Transfer from General Relief		101.00
Welfare District	$ 449.00	
	$ 449.00	$ 449.00

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Cash	$ 1,603.50	
Medical	216.25	
Hospital	80.48	
Food	25.00	
Total expenditures	1,925.23	
Balance to revenue	574.77	
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Labor	$ 94.44	
Trucks	7.00	
Salt	231.60	
Signs	45.00	
Sand	243.60	
Total expenditures	$ 621.64	
Balance to revenue	178.36	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

Chapter 90 — Construction, Main Street

Appropriation—Chapter 718—Bond Issue	$ 2,500.00
State Allotment	5,000.00

County Allotment		2,500.00
Labor	$ 2,431.37	
Trucks	1,625.25	
Shovel	1,785.60	
Grader	504.00	
Roller	56.00	
Tractor	18.00	
Power Saw	44.00	
Blasting	2,499.95	
Pipe	294.43	
Oil	252.40	
Sand and Gravel	481.00	
Use of Town Tools	8.00	
Total expenditures	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00

Highway Fund

Transfer from Surplus Revenue		$ 1,000.00
Labor	$ 820.56	
Trucks	68.25	
Grader	24.00	
Tractor	36.00	
Patch	41.44	
Sand and Gravel	9.75	
Total expenditures	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Oak Ridge Road

Appropriation		$ 750.00
Labor	$ 322.50	
Trucks	192.50	
Grader	108.00	
Sand and Gravel	127.00	
Total expenditures	$ 750.00	$ 750.00

Chapter 90 — Construction, Topsfield Road

Balance from 1957		$ 63.40
Labor	$ 56.40	
Trucks	7.00	
Total expenditures	$ 63.40	$ 63.40

Chapter 81 — Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
State Allotment		16,500.00
Labor	$ 8,289.75	
Trucks	2,261.75	
Bulldozer	80.00	
Grader	504.00	
Backhoe	48.00	
Tractors	326.25	
Power Saws	16.00	
Sand and Gravel	2,326.30	
Oil	4,831.22	
Loader	15.00	
Compressor	22.50	
Loam	90.00	
Patch	220.15	
Pipe	104.07	
Grass seed	75.90	
Tools	62.11	
Use of Town Tools	227.00	
Total expenditures	$ 19,500.00	$ 19,500.00

Baldpate Road — 1958 Account

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer from Reserve		10.00
Labor	$ 114.25	
Trucks	38.50	
Grader	18.00	

Oil	224.32	
Sand	104.93	
Use of Town Tools	10.00	
Total expenditures	$ 510.00	$ 510.00

Baldpate Road — 1955 Account

Balance from 1957		$ 30.89
Oil	$ 30.89	
Total expenditures	$ 30.89	$ 30.89

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		500.00
Labor	$ 5,200.00	
Trucks	1,447.25	
Trucks and plows	1,679.50	
Sander	566.50	
Tractor	253.00	
Plow Blades	224.53	
Sand and salt	578.78	
Use of Town tools	547.00	
Total expenditures	$ 10,497.06	
Balance to Revenue	2.94	
	$ 10,500.00	$ 10,500.00

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer from Road Machinery Fund		500.00
Transfer from Reserve		700.00
Labor	$ 304.00	
Gasoline and oil	115.08	
Repairs	244.01	

Fuel and light	41.25	
Tools	790.44	
Paint	33.29	
Lumber	19.50	
Plates and antifreeze	12.50	
Total expenditures	1,560.07	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	139.93	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 775.00
Street Lights	$ 747.96	
Balance to revenue	27.04	
	$ 775.00	$ 775.00

Highway Vacation Account

Appropriation		$ 1,150.00
Vacation Payrolls	$ 1,009.00	
Balance to revenue	141.00	
	$ 1,150.00	$ 1,150.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$112,143.00
Transfer from 1957 School Account		2,016.98
Refunds		20.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
School Teachers	$ 37,638.94	
Substitutes	881.00	
Supervisors	1,713.98	
Home Instruction	713.11	

Superintendence:		
Salary	1,980.00	
Clerk	648.00	
Expense	293.20	
Health:		
Nurse	440.00	
Physician	320.00	
Supplies	32.86	
Tuition	30,425.40	
Transportation	13,820.76	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	2,720.00	
Committee Expense	286.26	
Books	2,581.82	
Supplies	2,635.15	
Fuel	2,197.73	
Light	1,248.90	
Telephones	216.48	
Repairs	1,313.18	
Insurance	1,200.00	
Janitor's Supplies	1,174.49	
Athletic Program Expense	169.72	
Grounds	684.18	
New Rooms	1,747.32	
Furnishings	2,187.50	
Rubbish Collection	67.90	
Total expenditures	$109,337.88	
Balance to 1959	4,842.10	
	$114,179.98	$114,179.98

School — 1957 Account

Balance from 1957		$ 3,763.93
Equipment	$ 1,622.86	
Repairs	59.54	
Supplies	26.95	

Committee Expense	28.50	
Rubbish Collection	9.10	
Total expenditures	$ 1,746.95	
Transfer to School Account	2,016.98	
	$ 3,763.93	$ 3,763.93

Cole School Classrooms

Transfer from Surplus Revenue		$ 10,000.00
Contractor	$ 9,471.26	
Architect	280.46	
Total expenditures	9,751.72	
Balance to 1959	248.28	
	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Tuition	$ 51.00	
Total expenditures	51.00	
Balance to revenue	243.60	
Balance to 1959	5.40	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1957		$ 605.31
State Grants		2,580.99
Cash		6,434.76
Salaries	$ 2,415.00	
Food	6,168.69	
Total expenditures	$ 8,583.69	

Balance to 1959	1,037.37	
	$ 9,621.06	$ 9,621.06

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		214.57
Interest from Library Funds		110.76
Operation expense refunded to Ass'n.	$ 625.33	
	$ 625.33	$ 625.33

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Half dog license refund from County		214.57
Interest from Library Funds		95.63
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$ 610.20	
	$ 610.20	$ 610.20

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Transfers from Reserve		620.00
Janitors	$ 180.63	
Fuel	524.06	
Light	235.88	
Telephone	271.99	
Repairs	488.34	
Supplies	12.70	
Cellar pump	88.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,801.60	
Balance to Revenue	18.40	
	$ 1,820.00	$ 1,820.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Care of Public Grounds	$ 111.20	
Total expenditures	111.20	
Balance to revenue	138.80	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Labor	$ 400.00	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Soldier's Graves

Appropriation		$ 225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$ 100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$ 200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 225.00	$ 225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Maintenance	$ 150.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Band	$ 150.00	
Flags	18.00	
Refreshments	61.08	
Flowers	20.92	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Clerical	$ 483.00	
Total expenditures	$ 483.00	
Balance to revenue	17.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Town Reports	$ 593.00	
Distribution	25.00	
Clerical	39.00	
Total expenditures	$ 657.00	
Balance to revenue	43.00	
	$ 700.00	$ 700.00

Community House

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Light	$ 36.96	
Repairs	43.31	
Total expenditures	$ 80.27	
Balance to revenue	119.73	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1957		$ 111.28
Appropriation		419.00
Labor	$ 49.50	
Fire	159.13	
Communications	98.72	
Fuel	73.25	
Telephone	69.67	
Director's expenses	22.27	
Total expenditures	$ 472.54	
Balance to 1959	57.74	
	$ 530.28	$ 530.28

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Chapter 90 petition expense	$ 51.50	
Janitor Services at School	10.00	
Maps	144.79	
Ivy Spraying	72.00	
4th of July Celebration	185.74	
Total expenditures	$ 464.03	
Balance to revenue	35.97	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Interest and Amortization of School Loan

Appropriation		$ 9,500.00
Interest	$ 2,462.50	
Payment on Principal	7,000.00	
Total expenditures	$ 9,462.50	
Balance to revenue	37.50	
	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		$ 3,000.00
Total Transfers	$ 1,410.00	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	1,590.00	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 7,200.00
Compensation	$ 1,177.96	
Liability	1,041.61	
Fire	1,559.16	
Motor Vehicle	2,104.89	
Fire Department	134.75	
Monies and Securities	50.00	
Air Tanks	15.00	
Total expenditures	$ 6,083.37	
Transfers	881.25	
	$ 6,964.62	
Balance to revenue	235.38	
	$ 7,200.00	$ 7,200.00

Regional District School

Appropriation		$ 12,656.49
Transfer from Insurance		481.25
Masconomet Regional District School	$ 13,137.74	
	$ 13,137.74	$ 13,137.74

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1958 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1958		$162,659.84
S. S. Pearl, Collector	$219,805.02	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	$ 28,347.82	
Education	25,576.35	
Taxes	9,847.62	
Old Age Assist., grants	11,520.61	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants	2,967.50	
Disability Asst., grants	2,559.96	
Veterans Benefits	801.50	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 and 133	83.00	
School Lunch Program	2,580.99	
County of Essex:		
Highways	3,000.00	
Dog License refund	429.14	
Trust Funds, income	1,540.78	
Departmental receipts	2,112.17	
Licenses and permits	2,894.50	
Income from town property	352.00	
Withholding Tax Account	8,531.85	
Departmental refunds	80.82	
School Lunch Program	6,434.76	
County Retirement account	1,701.87	
Court Fines	20.00	
Telephone refunds	66.80	
Miscellaneous	35.78	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$331,315.84
		$493,975.68

Disbursements:

Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen	$297,797.11
Balance, December 31, 1958	$196,178.57

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $6,500.00

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$6,500.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	7,008.78
Interest for the year 1958	238.52
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	7,247.30

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit, Jan. 1, 1958	$ 130.24
Interest for the year 1958	3.93
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 134.17
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 14,181.17
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	162.50
Savings Bank Interest for 1958	475.15
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 14,818.82

Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 7,614.57
Interest for the year 1958	259.15
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 7,873.72

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds was deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,798.38
Interest for the year 1958	61.19
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 1,859.57
Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 2,426.97
Interest for the year 1958	85.65
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 2,512.62

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 2,030.67
Interest for the year 1958	61.37
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 2,092.04

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 270.93
Interest for the year 1958	9.20
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 280.13

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 2,000.00

Interest for the year 1958	60.45
	$ 2,060.45
Withdrawn	60.45
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1958	50.31
	$ 1,550.31
Withdrawn	50.31
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1958	45.33
	$ 1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1958	50.30
	$ 1,550.30
Withdrawn	50.30
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,499.20

Interest for the year 1958	51.01
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 1,550.21

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1958	$ 1,059.00
Interest for the year 1958	36.04
Balance Jan. 1, 1959	$ 1,095.04

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1958

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	$ 1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$ 4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 33.14
Danvers Savings Bank	67.50
Salem Savings Bank	33.75
Total	$ 134.39

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST
RICHARD P. CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Regional District School Committee is pleased to submit to the citizens of the District its first annual report. Its last such report to citizens was in the form of a printed brochure, distributed in October 1957, which summarized the progress made by the Committee from the date of its permanent inception in October 1956 through September 1957. The present report, therefore, will cover the activities and accomplishments of the Committee during the past fifteen months.

ORGANIZATION

One change occurred in the membership of the Committee. Dr. M. Douglas Banus, member of the Topsfield School Committee, replaced Mr. John R. Robertson as the representative of the Topsfield School Committee on the Regional District School Committee. The members of the Regional Committee who served with Mr. Robertson wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation at having had the opportunity to work with him. His intelligent and forthright approach to problems and his profound understanding of educational matters were of inestimable value to the Committee in the initial stages of its tremendous task of organizing and developing the Regional School facility.

At its organizational meeting on April 16, 1958, Mr. J. Harrison Holman of Topsfield was reelected as Chairman, and Mr. Richard E. Quinn of Middleton was reelected as Vice-Chair-

man. Mr. Richard Bowler, Jr., of Boxford continues as Secretary-Treasurer, to which position he was elected by the Committee for a two-year term in 1957.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The Regional School Committee acts in a dual role. First, it serves as the building committee, with all of the problems and details of construction which this entails; and, secondly, as the school committee charged with the important responsibility of formulating administrative policies for the conduct of the new school, developing educational policies, and establishing criteria for the selection of teachers and other professional persons to be employed.

Ordinarily the construction of a school building is handled by a school building committee and the actual administration of the school is handled by the regular school committee. In order to carry out its dual role, the Committee has found it necessary to meet weekly. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays, and on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Additional meetings are scheduled as required. For some of the members serving on special committees of the whole, this may and often does require two or more meetings in a given week.

Early in January 1958, the Regional Committee met with the School Building Assistance Commission to obtain final approval of the working drawings for the high school building. After receiving this approval the plans and specifications were put out for bid. Filed sub-bids, which included such items as electrical wiring and plumbing, were opened on February 5, 1958. The opening of the general contract bids was on February 13, with the successful low bidder being E. H. Porter Construction Company of Peabody. Shortly after the opening of bids, the Committee voted to go to bond for $2,250,000 and the Selectmen of the three member towns were duly notified in accordance with the original agreement establishing the Masconomet Regional School District. On March 20 the Committee met with the Emergency Finance Board at the State

House in Boston and at that time received its approval to bond in the amount of $2,250,000. Following the 30-day waiting period required under the laws of the Commonwealth, the Committee signed the general construction contract with the E. H. Porter Construction Company on March 20, 1958. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on the morning of April 14 with many officials of the three member towns present.

In May of 1958 the Masconomet Regional School District bonds were sold at an interest rate of 3%, the lowest rate for school building bonds since 1956.

The Committee has had to consider many additional problems in connection with the construction of the new school plant. Among these were the important matters of fire and police protection and the equally important problem of getting water to the school site. Early in the year the Committee arranged a meeting with the fire chiefs of the three towns and reached agreement that the most practical solution to the fire protection problem would be to have the fire alarm system tied in with the Middleton fire alarm system by special wire. Thus, in case of fire, the Middleton Fire Department would be alerted immediately through their signal system and they, in turn, would notify the Fire Departments of Boxford and Topsfield. This system is now in operation. That it works was well demonstrated late in September when trenching operations near the pole mounting the fire alarm signal box accidentally jarred the pole setting off the alarm. The response of the three departments with apparatus was exceedingly prompt and augurs well for the future protection of the new school.

In the case of police protection, the three police chiefs of the respective towns, along with the attorney for the Committee, agreed that police protection would come under the jurisdiction of the Police Chief of Boxford. It was also agreed that assignments of police duties, both regular and special, would be made on an equal basis, through a rotation schedule, among the special policemen of the three towns.

The problem of getting water to the site was solved with the agreement of the Topsfield Water Board to extend its

mains to the boundary of the District property after receiving authorization from the Legislature of the Commonwealth. On June 18, 1958 bids were opened for the extension of the water line from Topsfield to the school site. The contract for the water extension work was awarded to Pelletier and Milbury Corporation of Danvers. This work was completed by mid-July.

A part of one meeting each month is devoted to a thorough discussion of the progress of the construction work with a representative from the architect's office. Although the work, up until the first of October, was running slightly behind schedule, the Committee is pleased to be able to report that the construction is now going according to schedule which calls for the completion of the building in August 1959.

SELECTING THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Mr. Julius H. Mueller, who has been serving the Committee as Educational Consultant since July 1, 1957, was elected to the position of Superintendent-Principal and began his new duties on August 1, 1958. His office is located in the old farmhouse on the school site which also serves as headquarters for the District School Committee.

Early in September the Committee met to consider carefully the minimum qualifications and duties of key personnel which had been prepared by the Superintendent-Principal and the Sub-Committee on Education. These have been adopted by the full Committee and serve as a guide in the selection and appointment of staff members. Equally important, and most basic to the orderly and successful operation of any school, has been the development and adoption of a complete Salary Policy, including a salary schedule which it feels is realistic in comparison with those of other schools and in keeping with current trends in teachers' salaries. The Committee feels strongly that the most important part of its work is securing the very best people possible to staff the new school. Without competent teaching personnel, the exceptionally fine building rapidly taking shape on the District site will be, of itself, of no consequence.

The recruitment and selection of teachers for the school has occupied much of the time and attention of the Superintendent-Principal and the members of the Sub-Committee on Education. In April letters and applications were sent to all the local junior and senior high teachers whose positions would be affected by the advent of the Regional School. Each of these who elected to apply was given a personal interview by the Sub-Committee, as well as a personal interview by the Superintendent-Principal. In addition, each was observed by the Superintendent-Principal in the classroom. Placement offices of leading colleges and universities, as well as commercial teachers' agencies were notified of the staff needs.

All candidates are first screened by the application information, except the local candidates as already mentioned. Those whose references and papers look promising are invited for an interview with the Superintendent-Principal. Those who meet this test are visited by him in the classroom. The two top candidates are then invited to meet with the Sub-Committee on Education. Following these interviews the Sub-Committee meets to discuss the merits of the candidates and to decide on the one to recommend for appointment to the full committee. A summary sheet dealing with the educational qualifications and personal background of candidates to be recommended is prepared for the information of the School Committee, which then decides on the appointment. Teaching staff positions filled to date number fifteen and include the two assistant principals, the director of Guidance, the heads of the Science, Industrial Arts, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music, and Business Education Departments. The total instructional staff is expected to number between thirty-five and forty.

A salary schedule and policy for Custodians, Matrons, School Nurse, Cafeteria Employees, and Clerical Staff has also been formulated and adopted by the Regional School Committee. Miss Elizabeth H. Rider of Danvers, secretary for a number of years in Holten High School, is now serving as secretary to the Superintendent-Principal.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Masconomet Regional Junior-Senior High School will open its doors in September 1959 with an anticipated enrollment of 800 pupils. This is 112 pupils more than was forecast for September 1959 in the projected enrollment figures published in the green brochure in September 1956. On the basis of current enrollments as reported by the local Superintendents of Schools, the enrollment forecast for September 1959 is as follows:

Enrollment Forecast

Grade	*Boxford*	*Middleton*	*Topsfield*	*Total*
7	37	65	80	182
8	40	60	60	160
9	27	42	45	114
10	19	47	55	121
11	32	43	39	114
12	39	42	28	109
Totals	194	299	307	800

The budget for the 1959 fiscal year has been prepared on the basis of the enrollment figures cited above. The total operational budget adopted by the Regional Committee amounts to $228,055. While this may appear at first glance to be rather high, particularly in view of the fact that the school will be in operation but four months of 1959, it must be remembered that we are establishing an entirely new school, which creates budgetary needs in some categories larger than would be required if the school was already an operating entity. In preparing its budget for 1959, the Committee has been motivated solely by what it feels strongly to be the desire of the citizens of the District, namely, to have a sound educational program for their children of secondary school age.

The amount of $180,775 for debt service due in 1959, and representing two interest payments and one of twenty annual repayments of principal, has been offset in part by the portion of State Construction Aid Grant to be received in 1959, and

in part by a one-third portion of the Planning Aid reimbursement anticipated from the State in 1959. This reduces the Net Debt Service cost in 1959 to $79,735. The total money to be raised by member towns of the District for the support and operation of the Regional School in 1959, therefore, amounts to $307,790.

In concluding its report the Regional School Committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all the citizens and officials of the member towns who have been most generous and helpful to the Committee in assisting it in carrying on its work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON HOLMAN, Chairman

RICHARD E. QUINN, Vice-Chairman

RICHARD BOWLER, JR., Secretary-Treasurer

MERTON BARROWS

M. DOUGLAS BANUS

ROSAMOND L. BASTABLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS, SR.

ROBERT T. SPERRY

GODFREY G. TORREY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Richard Bowler, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
Ipswich Road, Boxford	Tel. TU 7-5025
Louis Vrettos, Secretary	Term expires 1960
Main Street, West Boxford	Tel. DR 2-7252
John S. Haywood	Term expires 1961
Ipswich Road, Boxford	Tel. TU 7-5275

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson

Jackson Way, Georgetown — Tel. FL 2-3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Fred J. Nahil, M.D.

67 Central Street, Georgetown — Tel. FL 2-3081

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield, Mass.

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

Archer French	Clayton Nelson
Boxford, Mass.	West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade*
Joseph Ritchie, Principal	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Gladys MacPherson	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Helen Chadwick	Harry Lee Cole	6, 7, 8
Margaret Isabelle	Harry Lee Cole	5
Lelia Millay	Harry Lee School	1
Geraldine Gordon	Harry Lee School	1
Ruth E. Morin	Aaron Wood	4, 5
Harriet L. Edwards	Aaron Wood	4
Dorothy Carver	Gardner Morse	2, 3
Bernice Billewicz	Gardner Morse	3
M. Dillon Pollard	Gardner Morse	2
Frank Petronzio	Art Supervisor	
Helen G. Hayden	Music Supervisor	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The annual report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1958 is hereby submitted:

Previous reports have pointed out that the ever-increasing demand for school facilities would utilize all of the town's educational buildings. This has come to pass for in this past year not only have two additional classrooms in the Harry Lee Cole School been finished, but also the temporary classroom in the Gardner Morse School has been in full use. The rate of growth of the town continues to increase and this is reflected in the rapidly accelerating flow of new students into the Town's schools. The Fall of 1959 will find all of the present classrooms, 11 in all, in full use. It is also expected that additional facilities will be needed shortly in the Gardner Morse School. The School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools have been discussing and planning the anticipated expansion of classroom space.

The administration and teaching staff of the Boxford schools has not only maintained a high level of education, but also enhanced the program with inspired and able teaching. The maintenance of the highest possible standards of instruction remains the principle aim of the School Committee.

Again the various organizations in the town have availed themselves of the Harry Lee Cole School facilities and the calendar for the use of the general purpose room, especially, has been full. With so many people in the school buildings at various times, the School Committee calls your attention to the increasing need for health and safety precautions on school property.

The three school buildings are in good repair and the custodial staff is to be complimented for the general appearance of the buildings.

The report of the Superintendent and the department heads which follows will enable you to better understand the extent of the growth of our schools as well as the many problems facing the school administration.

The school budget has edged higher, this in spite of the expected move of the 7th and 8th grades to the new regional school. The "spare" rooms thus made available will be in full and immediate use in the Fall of 1959.

The Spring of 1959 will see an end to a long standing custom when the last 8th Grade will be graduated from the Boxford schools. Through the years this event has been a high spot in the lives of Boxford children and a pleasant affair for all townspeople.

In closing this report, the Committee would like to express its appreciation to the Superintendent of Schools, department heads and the teaching staff for their cooperation and efforts during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BOWLER, Chairman

J. STUART HAYWOOD, Secretary

LOUIS VRETTOS

School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

My annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1958 is herewith submitted.

The continuing accelerated growth of enrolment in the Boxford Schools keeps the matter of teacher supply and classroom needs in the forefront as problems facing the school administration. The enrolment of the elementary grades of 251 on October 1, 1957 increased to 296 on October 1, 1958 and at present has gone well beyond 300. While the number of Boxford pupils attending High School increased but five per cent during the past year, the decided increase in enrolment of the elementary schools points to a corresponding increase in secondary enrolment in the near future.

Increased enrolment in the elementary schools made it necessary to procure three additional teachers in the Fall of 1958. Miss Geraldine Gordon, a 1958 graduate of Salem Teachers, was elected teacher of a second first grade at the Cole School in September 1958 and two additional teachers were elected to begin their duties as members of our educational staff on October 6, 1958. Mrs. Margaret Isabelle, a Springfield College graduate with experience at Ludlow, Mass., and Mrs. Dillon Pollard, a North Carolina Woman's College graduate, with experience at Virginia Beach, Virginia, are the new teachers of the fifth and second grades, respectively. With Mrs. Ruth E. Morin assigned to a fourth-fifth grade class, and Mrs. Dorothy Carver assigned to a combined second-third grade class, the two additional teachers relieved the enrolment pressure in the second, third, fourth, and fifth grades within the limits of classroom space to do so. The teachers assigned to the combination classes are teachers of considerable experience who are familiar with devices to cope with the problems of dual-grade classes and insure very satisfactory pupil progress.

Changes in the teaching staff resulted from the resignation of our Art Supervisor, Mrs. Gretchen Sanderson, who resigned to accept a similar position at the Pentucket Regional High

School and with the election of a Music Supervisor, which position was filled on a temporary basis during the latter part of the 1957-1958 school year. To fill these two positions Mr. Frank Petronzio, a Cleveland Institute of Art graduate, with experience in the schools of Peterborough, N.H., was elected Art Supervisor and Mrs. Helen Hayden, a Conservatory of Music graduate, with considerable experience in New Hampshire schools, was elected Supervisor of Music.

For the third consecutive year an elementary work shop for the teachers of Boxford, Georgetown, and Rowley was organized. The Fall of 1958 workshop was planned by the principals of the elementary schools of the three towns, with Mr. Ritchie as chairman. The workshop, held at the Cole School, covered a consideration of Penmanship, Audio-Visual Education and areas in Science and Reading. I am sure that this workshop is well worth while and the teachers recognize it as such.

The opening of the Masconomet Regional Junior-Senior High School in the Fall of 1959 will give temporary relief to the growth strain on our elementary school facilities by absorbing our seventh and eighth grade classes. The extent of our enrolment growth, however, indicates that additional classrooms will be needed for our six-grade elementary classes in the Fall of 1960.

The record of Boxford pupils attending High School continues to attest to the adequacy of their elementary school preparation. I am sure that they will adapt themselves to the transfer to the new Masconomet Regional High School and continue their progress in accord with their respective abilities. While I have no part in the selection of a staff for the new regional school, I am acquainted directly or indirectly with the work and experience of several members of the staff which has been selected at this writing and am highly pleased with the personnel. I am sure that the time and judgment given to the selection of the staff will pay dividends in the quality of instruction as measured by pupil progress.

In closing this report, I express my appreciation to the townspeople, Town Officials and associates in the School Department for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the four months ending December 31, 1958.

The music program in the Boxford schools consists of three parts; singing and learning to read music, rhythmic expression, and listening.

The music supervisor meets with each class once a week. In the grades much time is spent in pleasurable singing. The reading of music, using syllables, begins in the second grade and advances until three part singing is accomplished in the sixth year.

The rhythm program helps the child with muscular coordination through marching, skipping, running, etc. to music. Folk dancing, singing games and square dancing are popular in this group.

The listening program gives the child a chance to understand good music, learning the names of great composers and the instruments of the orchestra.

The seventh and eighth grades, a group of sixty-five children, are going to present an operetta in the Spring.

It is hoped that an instrumental program can be introduced to the Boxford grade school children, which would lead eventually to the organization of a school orchestra.

The grade teachers conduct the music program during the week in a very capable manner, adding to the high quality of musical achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) HELEN G. HAYDEN,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1958.

The art program consists of a weekly visit to the classroom. A problem is presented and is either finished within the art period or finished under the supervision of the classroom teacher before the next visit by the art supervisor. Some projects are carried on for two or more periods by the art supervisor.

All lessons are geared to the grade level, so that all of the children can feel the satisfaction of completing each project successfully.

It is important that children have the medium of art to express themselves freely; therefore, not much stress is placed on "correct" drawing as known to adult eyes, in the lower grades. Children are wonderful artists, if one can look at their work through their own eyes. They should thoroughly enjoy the experience of art. Children see and feel differently from adults; and it will be all too soon that they will become critical of their work as they go into the upper grades.

In the upper grades, when the student is ready for criticism on drawing, because he is aware of a more adult point of view, more stress is placed on basic rules of drawing.

Many lessons call for the strict following of directions. Group projects such as mural making and window decorating create ideal situations for working toward a common goal.

All the various media are used so that the student has a variety of experiences. Demonstrations are given by the art teacher to show the proper use of watercolor, pen and ink, and sketching, etc.

During the year, the appreciation of the work of great artists will be stressed.

Every student is encouraged in his artistic efforts.

Respectfully subimtted,

FRANK PETRONZIO,

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

Our annual report is herewith submitted.

The pre-school clinic in May was well attended. There were 35 children examined by the School Physician, Dr. F. J. Nahil.

The T. B. Patch tests were administered to 99 children in the first, fourth and seventh grades with negative results. This program will be carried on for two more years.

A total of 254 children had their vision and hearing tested during the year. Of this group, six were discovered to have defective eyesight and four with defective hearing. All were re-examined by private physicians with corrective procedures being followed.

Diphtheria-tetanus inoculations are being given to the first, fourth, and eighth grades annually, as needed.

Physical examinations for the ensuing school year have been completed with few minor defects being noted. The greatest problem to be corrected is dental caries, which was noted in the fourth grade. Good dental health is a contributing factor to good physical health in the growing child.

We wish to thank the personnel in the Boxford schools for their helpful cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. NAHIL, M.D.

School Physician

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.

School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Bruce Godfrey
Jon Haywood
Virginia Durkee
Joyce Lenfestey
Deborah Munsell
Anne Perkins
David Trask

Juniors

James Bye
Carol Chew
Carol Cronis
Daniel Cronis
John Galloway
Barbara Haywood
Judy Owen
Karen Waters
Pamela Green

Sophomores

Cynthia Chew
David Laustsen
Dale Waring
Nancy Silva
Nancy Monroe

Freshmen

Dana Cahoon
Frank Green
Heather Galloway

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING NORTH ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Eric Bergstrom
William Paulson
Peter Perkins
William Shappell
Alice Fowler
Helen Phillips
Linda Smith

Juniors

Robert Bemis
Guy Butler
Janet Cotton
Stephen Freedman
Helen Bergstrom
Rodney Chadwick
Peter Dineen
Sally French

Juniors

Nancy Genest
Donna Hammond
Janet Lane
Earl McKeen
Ronald Mierzykowski
Marianne Moulton
Sidne Lewis
Anne Perkins
Joan Smith
Herbert Vrettos
Joanne Greenler
Douglas Knapp
Margaret Mattraw
Martha Meeker
Frances Moulton
Marion Page
Vicki Peabody
Elwood Pratt
Sandra Wood
Richard Sibley

Sophomores

Frances Butler
John Capuano
James Getchell
Charlotte Hitchcock
Pamela Houldsworth
Walter Kimball
Norman Marshall
Carol Page
Donald Paulson
Richard Pratt
Nancy Roberts
Frank Smith
Susan Butters
Sandra Edwards
Terry Griffin
Shirley Holley
Carol Hutchinson
Vernon Kousky
Deborah Morin
William Paisley
Scott Pinkham
Dana Prince
Veronica Sennott
George Wood
Philip Chick

Freshmen

Mary Blaisdell
David French
Jack Holley
Judith Little
J. Paul Dineen
Richard Griffin
Karen Knapp
Douglas Mierzykowski

Freshmen

Bruce Miller
Priscilla Noyes
Carol Pratt
Linda Mitchell
Helen O'Connor
John Sibley
Erdene Tibbetts

HARRY LEE COLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Mary Ann Blaisdell
Sandra Ann Chadwick
David Richard French
Frank Malcolm Green
Jack Robert Holley
Judith Elaine Little
Douglas Thomas Mierzykowski
Linda Ann Mitchell
Barbara Susan Osgood
John Bradford Sibley
Dana Wells Cahoon
John Paul Dineen
Heather Lois Galloway
Richard K. Griffin, III
Karen Ann Knapp
Peter Ewing McElman
Bruce Edward Miller
Helen Smith O'Connor
Carol Ann Pratt
Erdene Faye Tibbetts

ENROLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1958

HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	21					21	17	14	73
Girls	23					14	21	13	71
Total	44					35	38	27	144

AARON WOOD

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys				18	23				41
Girls				19	18				37
Total				37	41				78

GARDNER MORSE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys		22	20						42
Girls		14	18						32
Total		36	38						74

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16-21	Totals
Boys	37	164	21	222

Girls	39	145	29	213
Total	76	309	50	435

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1958

Chapter 70, as Amended	$10,998.34
Sup't. of Schools	896.00
Transportation	10,804.89
	$22,699.23

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 1959

ADMINISTRATION:		
Superintendent's Salary	$2,100.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	240.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	810.00	
Supervisor of Attendance	20.00	
School Committee Expense	150.00	
		$3,320.00
INSTRUCTIONAL:		
Teachers' Salaries	$50,533.34	
Supervisors' Salaries	2,686.67	
Substitutes	700.00	
Textbooks	1,300.00	
Supplies	2,100.00	
Libraries	300.00	
Supervisors' Expense	300.00	
		$57,920.01
OPERATIONAL:		
Janitors' Salaries	$4,500.00	
Fuel	3,000.00	
Electricity	1,350.00	
Janitor Supplies	700.00	
Telephones	225.00	

Rubbish Collection and Snow Removal	225.00	
		$10,000.00
HEALTH:		
Physician	$350.00	
Nurse	600.00	
Supplies	50.00	
		$1,000.00
Tuition		20,050.00
Transportation		14,884.13
Maintenance		3,300.00
Insurance		2,000.00
Equipment		1,000.00
Graduation		100.00
Physical Education		400.00
Improvements		500.00
Home Instruction		800.00
Cafeteria Equipment		300.00
		$115,574.14

REIMBURSEMENTS 1959

Chapter 70, as amended	$16,460.34	
Union Superintendent	896.00	
Transportation	10,804.89	
		28,161.23
Net to Taxation		$87,412.91
Vocational Budget		$300.00

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our first pre-town meeting was a remarkable success, and certainly there was shown a great deal of interest by all the citizens present in the suggested budget for 1959. We plan to continue this procedure in the years to come.

Again, the school budget weighs heavily on our shoulders. As one of our senior citizens suggested, however, our children are certainly entitled to the best in the field of education; hence, the sacrifice which we all are quite willingly making.

The town will be asked to consider for the first time the problem of sick leave pertaining to regular employees, all of whom would appear to be employed by the Highway Department. This will be discussed in detail at the town meeting.

Again, we recommend that there be no vote to use a certain sum of free cash in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year. This is in keeping with the "Pay as you go" attitude of your finance committee. We are most reluctant to dip into our reserves at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GAINES BOLTON

CHARLES RICH

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR.

Finance Committee

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Harry L. Cole School, Boxford, on Monday, the second day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a

note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To appropriate $411.93 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,100.00 for use toward the maintenance of the two libraries, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for a new door at the Fire House in the East Parish, or take any action in the matter.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for two two-way radios for use of the Fire Department, or take any action in the matter.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $304.82, the balance due George Wood for building the cabin at the dump, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will continue the improvement of a section of Main Street under Chapter 90, and to appropriate therefor the sum of $670.06, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to repair and improve a section of Washington Street under Chapter 90, and to appropriate the sum of $3,500.00, said sum to be transferred

from the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $28,500.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, the money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 16. To see whether the Town will vote to discontinue as a public way that part of Main Street at the property of Baer no longer included in the re-located road.

Article 17. To see whether the Town will enact a by-law to restrict hunting and discharge of firearms so as to require the consent of the property holder, or take any action relative thereto; proposed by-law being on file in form of petition filed with the Selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to enact a by-law to provide for paid sick leave to regular employees of the Town, or take any action in the matter.

Article 19. To see whether the Town will vote to accept Chapter 516 of the Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts for 1958, or, in the alternative, to withdraw from the mosquito control project provided therein.

Article 20. To see what action the Town may take relative to the Morse House, so-called; and to raise and appropriate any sum for its repair or renovation which the Town may vote.

Article 21. To take any necessary action to confirm and render effective the acceptance by recent town meetings of certain streets as public ways.

Article 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Tuesday,

March 3rd next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot for the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Clerk for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Assessor of Taxes for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; Surveyor of Highways, East Parish, for one year; Surveyor of Highways, West Parish, for one year; Tree Warden for one year; Constable, East Parish, for one year; Constable, West Parish, for one year; one member of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Regional District School Committee for three years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1959

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	2,000.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Tax Collector	2,000.00
Registrars	200.00
Elections	200.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	900.00
Wire Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Planning Board	250.00
Board of Health	2,800.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	70.00
Police	4,100.00
Forest Warden	2,500.00
Fire Warden	2,500.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,500.00

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	)	
Disability Assistance	)	18,000.00
Old Age Assistance	)	
Aid to Dependent Children	)	
Veterans' Benefits		2,500.00
Central Essex Welfare District, Administration		575.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	108,022.01
Regional School	66,861.28
Vocational Education	300.00

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81 Maintenance	3,000.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	3,500.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Street Lighting	775.00
Highway Vacation Account	1,150.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	1,500.00
Public Grounds	350.00
Insurance	5,700.00
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Clerical	600.00
Town Reports	700.00
Civil Defense	400.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,500.00
School House Note	7,000.00
Community House	200.00
Morse House	75.00

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Boxford

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1959

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Together With the

Report of the School Committee and the

Various Town Officers

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1959

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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN WILLIAM PARKHURST

1862--1959

Surveyor of Highways, 1886

Field Driver, 1888

Election Officer, 1889

Town Clerk, 1893-1944

Surveyor of Wood and Bark, 1893

Treasurer and Collector, Pro. tem., 1906

Member of Military Registration Board, 1917

Member of Board of Trustees of the School Funds, 1918-1959

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1960
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1961
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1962

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1961
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1962

TOWN TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1961

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1962
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1962

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Louis Vrettos	Term expires 1960
John Stuart Haywood	Term expires 1961
Donald C. Hammond	Term expires 1962

BOARD OF HEALTH

Stephen Maddock, M.D.	Term expires 1960
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1961
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1962

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst Harry E. Trask

Richard P. Chadwick

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley Term expires 1962

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster
Clinton B. Nason

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French
Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Merton S. Barrows	Term expires 1960
Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.	Term expires 1962

PLANNING BOARD

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1960
William E. Dorman	Term expires 1960
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1961
Warren R. Godfrey	Term expires 1961
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1962
Charles P. A. Nelson	Term expires 1963
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1964

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Joseph A. O'Rourke — Henry W. Nason

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1960
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1961
Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1962

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John G. Bolton	Term expires 1960
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1961
Charles Rich	Term expires 1962
Bruno E. Prevost	Term expires 1963
Gerrit Fort, Jr.	Term expires 1964

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Philip F. Spofford (Resigned)	Term expires 1959
John A. Chew	Term expires 1962
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1960
Richard A. Spofford	Term expires 1961

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1959
Richard A. Spofford (Resigned)	Term expires 1960
Paul G. Edwards	Term expires 1961

SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French
Henry W. Nason
Cecil Farnsworth
Ethel Walker
Walter H. Gamans, Jr.
Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.
Charles H. Getchell
Earle Blake
Richard V. Donovan
Peter L. Vrettos

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson
Horace D. Moore
Ernest M. Mortimer
Francis S. Smith
John F. Berg

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER
FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1955 census), 1177.

Area in square miles, 25.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is James P. Rurak, 34 Margin Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 13 Forest Street, Danvers, Massachusetts.

The Building Inspector is Henry W. Nason, Washington Street, West Boxford. Telephone — Haverhill DRake 2-2320.

The Wire Inspector is Herbert W. Sperry, Main Street, West Boxford. Telephone — Haverhill, DRake 2-7649.

The Sanitary Engineer is Tracy I. Flagg, 111 Collins Street, Danvers. Telephone (evenings) — SPring 4-4979.

LIST OF JURORS — 1959-1960

Callahan, C. Henry, retired, Bare Hill Road, Boxford.

Cargill, Thomas E., Sr., insurance investigator, Main St., Boxford.

Connor, Raymond J., poultry specialist, Middleton Road, Boxford.

Cotton, Mabel B., housewife, Elm Street, Boxford.

Curtis, LeRoy E., telephone engineer, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.

Feronetti, James, retired, Ipswich Road, Boxford.

Garrity, Robert F., retired, Cross Road, Boxford.

Nason, Beulah W., insurance executive, Washington St., West Boxford.

Parkhurst, Robert B., surveyor, Ipswich Road, Boxford.

Purinton, Charles A., retired, Depot Road, Boxford.

Shaw, Frederick J., retired, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.

Weatherbee, Robert S., machinist, Main Street, West Boxford.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The annual town meeting of the Town of Boxford was held at the Harry Lee Cole School at 8 p.m. on March 2, 1959 with William J. Greenler, Jr. presiding as moderator. After a prayer by Rev. Ellsworth D. Comins, business was transacted as follows by more than 200 voters:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the annual report.

Article 2. Voted to accept the proposed budget as printed with the following changes: $800.00 and $300.00 for the two libraries was omitted, and the estimated figure of $700.00 increased to the actual cost of $724.25 for Town Reports.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1959 and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to accept the following schedule of labor rates for all town departments: Department heads, $1.90 per hour; operator or specialist, $1.65 - $1.75 per hour; and laborers $1.50 - $1.60 per hour; all rates and raises above the base rate subject to recommendation of Department Head and approval of Board of Selectmen.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate $411.93 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, to be divided equally between the two libraries.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,100.00 for use toward the maintenance of the two libraries, to be divided equally between the two libraries. Milton E. Lord was given unanimous consent to address the meeting.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for a new door at the Fire House in the East Parish.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for two two-way radios for use of the Fire Department.

Article 12. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of $304.82, the balance due George Wood for building the cabin at the dump.

Article 13. Voted to continue the improvement of a section of Main Street under Chapter 90, and to appropriate therefor the sum of $670.06, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 14. Voted to improve a section of Washington Street, under Chapter 90, and to appropriate the sum of $3,500.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the state under the provisions of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $28,500 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, the money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 16. Voted to discontinue as a public way that part of Main Street at the property of Baer no longer included in the relocated road.

Article 17. Voted to pass over. John Moore of West Boxford and Howard S. Willard, head of the Law Enforcement Division of the Mass. Department of Conservation were given unanimous consent to address the meeting.

Article 18. Voted unanimously to enact the following by-law:

"All regular employees of the Town shall be granted paid sick leave at their regular rates of pay on the basis of work time at the rate of one day's pay for every twenty days of work during the twelve months immediately preceding. No such sick-leave pay shall be paid to any employee who has not worked 1,000 hours in the twelve months immediately preceding. Paid sick leave shall not be granted unless the employee shall have been called to report for work, and the head of the department shall so certify, nor, in case of more than three consecutive days absence, unless a doctor's certificate of inability to work shall be supplied to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 19. Voted to reject the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the General Court for 1958, and to withdraw from the mosquito control project provided therein.

Voted the following resolution: that the moderator, Board of Selectmen, and other proper committees of the town shall meet and draw up a protest to be submitted to the legislature in regard to the approximate $7,000.00 assessment against this town.

Article 20. Voted that the moderator shall appoint a committee to see what action shall be taken in regard to the Morse House, and to report their recommendations at the next meeting.

Article 21. Voted that the town ratify and confirm its acceptance of streets voted during the last two years, said streets having been laid out by the selectmen in accordance with subdivision plans on file.

Article 22. Voted that the moderator appoint a committee to meet with the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. to discuss means of conducting toll-free telephone calls between the two ends of the town.

Voted to adjourn at 11:30 p.m.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

BUDGET AS ADOPTED — MARCH 2, 1959

Selectmen	$1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	2,000.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Accountant	1,700.00
Collector	2,000.00
Registrars	200.00
Elections	200.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Appeal Board	150.00
Building Inspector	900.00
Wire Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Board of Health	2,800.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,200.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Planning Board	250.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	70.00
Police	4,100.00
Forest Warden	2,500.00
Fire Warden	2,500.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,500.00
Public Welfare Disability Assistance Old Age Assistance Aid to Dependent Children	18,8000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Admin.	575.00
School Department	108,022.01
Regional District School	66,861.28

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Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Clerical	600.00
Town Reports	724.25
Civil Defense	400.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Community House	200.00
Principal on Maturing Debt	7,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,500.00
Morse House	75.00
Total Budget Appropriations	$264,512.54

OTHER ITEMS:

Article 9	$1,100.00	
Article 10	500.00	
Article 11	1,000.00	
Article 12	304.82	2,904.82
Total to be raised and appropriated		$267,417.36

TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$500.00
Article 4	3,000.00
Article 8	411.93
Article 13	670.06
Article 14	3,500.00
Article 15	28,500.00
Total Transfers	$36,581.99

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1959

Date 1959	*Name*	*Parents' Names*
Jan. 2	Laura Jane Brockelman	Webster B. Brockelman Marcia Damon
Jan. 9	Virginia Louise Kuczun	Chester G. Kuczun Mona L. Jones
Jan. 12	Holly Beth Bill	George Dana Bill Anita Evelyn Plummer
Jan. 14	Ronald Philip Weyland	Wendell P. Weyland Marilyn P. Schickling
Jan. 20	Burton Edwin Hampton	Harold B. Hampton Irene E. Lopes
Jan. 25	Sharon Marie Kelley	Edgar Lee Kelley Martha M. Lafabregue
Feb. 10	Susan Lynne Rogers	John P. Rogers Deborah Damon
Feb. 19	John Douglas Payne	Nelson D. Payne Ellen I. Johnson
Mar. 8	Thomas Edward Finelli	Thomas M. Finelli Joan M. Adams
Apr. 1	Harry Agganis	Paul George Agganis Bessie Stathopoulos

May 5	Linda Kay Totten	Thomas N. Totten Marie Y. Rowe
May 18	John Gerrit DeReus	Gerrit H. deReus Cornelia S. Hoogenboom
May 23	Ellen Jean McGinnity	Robert Bernard McGinnity Marlene J. Vachon
May 29	Paul Andrew Hamilton	Roger A. Hamilton Martha E. Mortimer
June 7	Robert Randall Walsh, Jr.	Robert R. Walsh Barbara L. Perkins
June 7	Robert Charles Silva	Charles Silva Dorothy E. Bond
June 14	Wendy Jean Stromberg	James T. Stromberg Shirley E. Landergren
June 14	Raymond Marshall Flynn, Jr.	Raymond M. Flynn Judith Evans
June 26	David Michael Quill	Arthur D. Quill Mary R. Lane
June 27	Janet Elaine Hammer	Richard G. Hammer Jane P. Cooper
July 5	Teresa Mary Mueller	Paul H. Mueller Bernadine V. Prickett
July 8	Louise Lambert	Horace D. Lambert, Jr. Nancy Dodge
July 10	Francesca Esile	Frank T. Esile Joan A. Darley
July 20	Catherine Marie Lyczko	Felix J. Lyczko Caroline J. Nowak
Aug. 1	Alan John Benson	John R. Benson Ruby W. Cochrane
Aug. 3	Robert Allen Roland	Richard W. Roland Virginia Saunders
Aug. 13	Linda Jean Palenza	Daniel C. Palenza Brenda J. Woodlock
Oct. 6	James Edward MacLennan	Wallace A. MacLennan Elizabeth A. Hosley
Oct. 6	Prudence Bates Minich	Dewitt T. Minich Carolyn S. Bates

Oct. 12	Jody Elaine Hale	Walter S. Hale Dorothy E. Hale
Oct. 23	Julia Joan Hebert	Ernest D. Hebert Carol J. Vincent
Nov. 14	Melissa Lee Constantine	Basil G. Constantine, Jr. Louise Ann Keddie
Nov. 16	Arthur William White	Harold A. White Marjorie F. Alley
Dec. 4	Christian Alvin Wheeler	Alvin W. Wheeler Patricia E. Shattuck
1958		
Aug. 28	Paula Mae Marshall	Norman M. Marshall Edith Gamble
Nov. 6	Kathleen Joan Noyes	Alerson E. Noyes Katherine I. Gamble
Nov. 6	Bradford Barr Lowell	Harry N. Lowell Joan Barr
Nov. 16	Deborah Anne McGregor	Gardner F. McGregor Louise Eldredge
Nov. 19	Julie Anne Cunningham	Charles Richard Cunningham Harriet Rose Andrews
Nov. 26	Martha Jane McLaughlin	Daniel P. McLaughlin Helen F. Greenler
Nov. 28	Caryl Anne Bowler	Richard Bowler Elizabeth C. Vray
Dec. 13	Elaine Louise Gould	Everett P. Gould Lulu Farrar
Dec. 20	Gretchen Sennott	Edward F. Sennott Ruth A. Murphy
Dec. 30	Alan Frederick Gould	George A. Gould Ione M. McGray

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1959

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
Jan. 3	Samuel S. Bishop	Cohasset
	Lydia Cornwall	Boxford

Feb. 14 —	Walter Otto Dupuis, Jr.	West Boxford
	Marilyn Joyce Scott	Haverhill
Mar. 8 —	David Kenneth Wilkinson	Andover
	Eleanor Farnum Doucette	West Boxford
June 20 —	Theodore Pennick	East Orange, N.J.
	Lorraine Botsford	Boxford
June 27 —	David Gordon Cooper	Rochester, N.Y.
	Paula Williams	Boxford
July 5 —	Alfred J. Tetreault	Boxford
	Helen I. Currier	North Andover
Aug. 29 —	Robert D. Crie	Rockland, Maine
	Sara Louise Paisley	West Boxford
Sept. 5 —	Daniel Joseph Shaw	West Boxford
	Sandra Eve Little	Lynn
Oct. 10 —	Donald Joseph Dupuis	West Boxford
	Sandra Fernald	Ipswich
Oct. 29 —	Robert Arthur Woodburn	Boxford
	Sandra Jean Tidd	Somerville
Nov. 7 —	Robert C. Bemis	West Boxford
	Janice Lee Hird	Methuen

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1959

Date	*Name*	*Age* Yrs.	M.	D.
1958				
Dec. 31 —	William Robert Cargill	39	—	—
1959				
Jan. 10 —	Lena May (Putnam) Swinerton	86	9	9
Feb. 14 —	Henry N. Berry	57	4	15
Apr. 22 —	Catherine E. (Bright) Dimond	65	9	7
Aug. 14 —	George Warren Dawkins	50	—	—
Sept. 12 —	Dana F. Killam	59	3	16
Oct. 17 —	Erving O. Maxwell	82	6	14
Dec. 20 —	John William Parkhurst	97	5	28
Dec. 20 —	Nettie Hale Gould (Conant)	81	—	—

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1959

78 Resident Fishing at $3.25	$253.50
55 Resident Hunting at $3.25	178.75
29 Resident Sporting at $5.25	152.25
28 Minor Fishing at $1.25	35.00
10 Female Fishing at $2.25	22.50
1 Trapping at $7.75	7.75
2 Non-Res. Fishing at $2.75	5.50
1 Non-Res. Fishing at $7.75	7.75
1 Non-Res. Hunting at $15.25	15.25
6 Free Sporting	.....
Total Revenue	$678.25
205 fees at .25 to Town Clerk	51.25
Remitted to Division of Fish and Game	$627.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1959

123 Males at $2.00	$246.00
14 Females at $5.00	70.00
53 Spayed Females at $2.00	106.00
9 Kennels at $10.00	90.00
3 Kennels at $25.00	75.00
Total Received	$587.00
202 fees at .25 to Town Clerk	50.50
Remitted to Town Treasurer	$536.50

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

No. of Persons Assessed	Indiv.	Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	9	2	11
On Real Estate Only	634	17	651
On Both Personal and Real Estate	132	4	136
Total Number of Persons Assessed			798
Number of Polls Assessed			504

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:		
Stock in Trade	$5,505.00	
Machinery	9,800.00	
Live Stock	5,387.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	318,345.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Property		$339,037.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land Exclusive of Buildings	$503,510.00	
Buildings Exclusive of Land	2,305,185.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$2,808,695.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		$3,147,732.00
Tax Rate per $1,000 = $73.00		
Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes, including Overlay:		
On Personal Estate	$24,749.70	
On Real Estate	205,034.74	
On Polls	1,008.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		$230,792.44

Number of Live Stock Assessed:	
Horses (1 year or older)	30
Neat Cattle (1 year old, or over) Cows (Milch)	93

Yearlings: steers	1	
Heifers	2	
Swine (6 months old or over)	455	
Sheep (6 months old or over)	99	
Fowl	38,718	
All Other: Mink—250 Ponies—3 Goat—1	254	
Number of Acres of Land Assessed		14,189
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed		542
Commissioner's Value of Motor Vehicles		$679,000.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles Assessed		37,635.72
Number of Vehicles Assessed		1,078

Motor Vehicle Excise Rate = $64.13

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 1, 1960

Board of Selectmen, Boxford, Mass.
Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year 1959, I submit the following report:

Number of places inspected	13
Number of bovine animals	118
Number of horses	7
Number of sheep	30

This has been done in accordance with directions of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES — 1956

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1959	$441.14	
Interest Collected	36.15	
Audit Adjustment	3.46	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		$ 387.60
Personal Property		57.00
Interest		36.15
	$ 480.75	$ 480.75

TAXES — 1957

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1959	$ 4,659.30	
Interest Collected	246.64	
Audit Adjustment	6.03	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		$ 3,890.79
Personal Property		141.05
Classified Forest Land		21.45
Motor Vehicle Excise		70.92
Interest		246.64
Abatements:		
Poll		6.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		182.41
Audit Adjustment		19.08
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1959		333.63
	$ 4,911.97	$ 4,911.97

TAXES — 1958

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1959	$ 18,866.35
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	228.87
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	21.36
Real Estate Refund	6.80

Interest Collected	256.64	
Audit Adjustments	44.03	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		$ 28.00
Real Estate		11,975.36
Personal Property		882.94
Farm Animal Excise		70.50
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,950.59
Interest		256.64
Abatements:		
Poll		2.00
Real Estate		13.60
Personal Property		68.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		133.38
Audit Adjustments		6.03
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1959		3,037.01
	$ 19,424.05	$ 19,424.05

TAXES — 1959

Poll Tax Commitments	$ 1,008.00	
Real Estate Commitments	205,035.26	
Personal Property Commitment	24,749.79	
Classified Forest Land Commitment	120.13	
Farm Animal Excise Commitment	309.71	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	37,635.72	
Real Estate Refunds	700.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,456.01	
Interest Collected	41.14	
Audit Adjustments	2.00	
Taxes Collected:		
Poll		$ 852.00
Real Estate		185,740.33
Personal Property		23,506.40
Classified Forest Land		90.56
Farm Animal Excise		199.41
Motor Vehicle Excise		30,686.71
Interest		41.14

Abatements:		
Poll		70.00
Real Estate		3,953.70
Personal Property		43.80
Motor Vehicle Excise		3,047.35
Transferred to Tax Title Account		253.31
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1959		22,573.85
	$271,058.56	$271,058.56

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SNOW REMOVAL

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1959	$ 434.25	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1959		434.25
	$ 434.25	$ 434.25

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$201,994.08
Personal Property	24,587.39
Poll	880.00
Classified Forest Land	112.01
Farm Animal Excise	269.91
Motor Vehicle Excise	33,708.22
Interest	580.57
Paid to Treasurer	$262,132.18

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Collector

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Winthrop P. Haynes, President
Milton E. Lord, Vice-President
Charles J. Kittredge, Jr., Treasurer
Esther K. Perley, Secretary

Elsworth D. Comins, Jr. — Seth L. Kelsey
Margaret Lane — Robert B. Parkhurst
Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.

LIBRARIANS

Bertha Perley — Lucy K. Parkhurst

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons 2:30 - 5:30

The library records for this year show a substantial increase in the number of books circulated and the number of borrowers. The circulation of books is as follows:

	Boxford Public Library Books	Bookmobile Books
Adult		
Fiction	1188	1010
Non-fiction	1406	850
Juvenile		
Fiction	2137	517
Non-fiction	501	206

Total ciculation of books (7,815) and magazines (996) 8811. This does not include the circulation of the deposits of books at the Cole School.

By gifts and by purchase 178 books have been added to the library collection.

In the children's State Reading Program 333 Five-Book certificates and 59 Honor certificates were awarded to pupils in grades four through eight in the Cole School.

In observance of National Library Week, April 12-18 the school children participated in a successful poster contest. The posters were displayed in the village stores and the libraries. On Friday of National Library Week the children enjoyed special story hours at the Cole and Wood Schools with Mrs. Henry Berry and Miss Margaret Lane as story tellers.

The bookmobile has helped supplement our library collection greatly by bringing many additional books that otherwise would not have been available. This supplementary aid to twenty-six towns located in Essex and Middlesex counties was inaugurated during the 1956-1957 fiscal year, through a federal grant-in-aid program administered by the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension. This Regional Library Service, with headquarters located in North Reading, will end June 30, 1961 unless state funds can be provided.

Gifts to the library from individuals and organizations have amounted to $250.

A benefit food sale organized by Mrs. John Q. Adams netted $86.85.

The Trustees are very grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY,
Secretary

WEST BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

Mrs. Alexander Price, President
A. Gordon Price, Vice-President
Miss Ruby F. Nason, Secretary
Mrs. Richard Spofford, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Alexander Price, Chairman

E. Laurence Colby Rolfe Y. Peterson

The library is open to the public Wednesday and Saturday, 2-5 and 7-9.

The number of borrowers during the year totaled 226, an increase of 60 over last year.

The reference material was used extensively by the school children and others. There is no way of measuring the amount of help given in this particular section of the library.

249 books were added to the collection. 226 were purchased and 23 were gifts.

The circulation totaled 5,017, and was as follows:

Fiction	1,685
Non-fiction	1,470
Junior	1,862

The service received from the State Regional bookmobile was very helpful to the library. We had for our use many titles that otherwise could not have been obtained for our readers.

Book deposits to the schools were made regularly. Interest in the State Reading Certificate program continued, mainly due to cooperation of the teachers. Awarded at the end of the school year were 69 reading certificates, 34 of which were honor certificates.

To all those who assisted in any way to make the library more helpful in the community in 1959, the Library Association is deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,

Librarian

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

All complaints of dogs being a nuisance have been taken care of to the best of my ability.

All money collected for dog licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

As usual there are a few uncollected licenses.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING FOR THE YEAR 1959

EXAMINED			CONDEMNED		
Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
350	2773	82	9	66	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER
CLINTON B. NASON
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Total permits issued for the year 1959:

	Number	*Value*
New houses and garages	59	$1,009,300.00
New garages	2	2,300.00
Additions and alterations	12	45,900.00
New Camps, Y.M.C.A.	1	8,500.00
TOTAL	74	$1,066,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Milk Tanks	2
Platform Scales	5
Beam Scales	1
Computing Scales	3
Spring Scales	8
Balance Scales	1
Gasoline Meters	4
Grease Pumps	1
Steel Tapes	1

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

Report for the year 1959:

175 Permits
375 Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,

Wire Inspector

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPARTMENT

We have lost a great many Elms this year. The state came in and a careful scouting program was carried out. Twenty-seven samples were taken and sent into the state lab. There were 24 samples came back with positive Dutch Elm Disease. Those that needed to be topped have been done. The state has come in to help take them down.

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

MOTH DEPARTMENT

We have been very fortunate again this year with light infestations of Browntail and Gypsy Moth.

A careful spraying program has been carried out. All roads were sprayed.

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE DEPARTMENT

Many dead Ash trees have been taken down. The low limbs overhanging the highways have been cut. Due to the heavy flow of traffic of busses and large trucks, it has been necessary to do a lot of trimming over the highways.

Several Linden trees have been planted to replace some of the Ash and Elms that have been cut down.

Anyone wishing to cut any trees along the highway should notify the tree warden. It is necessary that such trees be posted by the Tree Warden for two weeks before cutting.

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 9, 1960

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Boxford, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the Police Department activities for the year 1959:

Classified:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	27
Special Police Service	20
Ambulance Calls	23
Arrests	14
House Breaks	10
Prowlers	3
Court Appearances	12
Stolen cars recovered	3
Pistol Permits	4
Camp Inspections	5
Fires	14
Dog Damage	2
Summonses	43
Arrests by State Police	18
Malicious Destruction of Property	5
Larceny	17
Disturbing the Peace	2
Hunting Complaints	17

There were two new additions to the police force during the past year. Peter Vrettos was sworn in to replace the second man who resigned last year. Mrs. Woodward Walker was sworn in as our policewoman. With past experience as a United States Army Nurse, she is well qualified, and her services have been required on several occasions. This brings the total number of people on call for police service to ten.

To cover police service at the Mascanomet Regional School, for which this department was made responsible, six men from the Topsfield Police Department were sworn in to assist in supplying manpower for this purpose. The Middleton Police Department was not interested in taking part in this project.

Several hunting complaints were logged by this department, and we are very grateful to the Department of Natural Resources Division of Law Enforcement for their cooperation and assistance in this work.

An indication of a teenage problem was evident in several serious Hallowe'en pranks. The matter was treated with the utmost gravity. I sincerely hope that the endeavor which is forthcoming during the month of January, 1960, will be given all the help and consideration the townspeople can extend. This is not a problem to be taken lightly.

During the past year, the department cooperated to the fullest with the Registry of Motor Vehicles on their "Operation Roadwatch," which proved a very worthwhile undertaking.

The series of larcenies from buildings under construction has caused the department an extra burden in men and hours. Recently, a State Trooper from the Topsfield Barracks has been assigned to this problem fulltime.

The year 1959 has shown an increased cooperation between the various town departments, and for this I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department and the Town Clerk.

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will urge residents at town meeting to adopt an article calling for a start on a long-range plan for the orderly and logical growth of Boxford to forestall an in-

evitable hodge-podge pattern of subdivisions, roads and commercial development.

With the help of a professional planning consultant, Charles W. Eliot, who has been retained by several towns similar in character and problems to Boxford, the Board feels the time has arrived when growth must be shaped to preserve the natural assets of the community.

Or, as Mr. Eliot put it in his preliminary statement:

"Change is not only inevitable, it is likely to have a great impact on Boxford in the coming years. Near and adjoining towns are already feeling the pressures of urban growth."

"The population growth of metropolitan Boston shows the same trends as other urban regions of America — and Boxford is right in the path of growing urban development . . . ."

"Boxford can, to a large extent, guide new development and change if it wants to do so. The method is a general plan or master plan to chart a course for the future of the whole town — all its areas, all its interests, all its people."

The Board urges residents to adopt a conservation program, the first step of which will be to establish a conservation commission to preserve natural resources and protect the water shed.

Throughout the country there is mounting alarm at the speed with which green areas are being swallowed up without regard to future generations, even our own children. Boxford is fortunate to have open spaces, but in something less than a year or two, hundreds of acres have been earmarked for residential development without thought of leaving areas to parks, future school sites, and open sections for beauty alone.

Boxford has an unusual opportunity to act to avoid the monotonous development, the curse of our nearby suburbs. Already we have seen outside private organizations snap up our pond frontage.

Three subdivisions have come before the Board in the past year. One was a revision that was approved. One was approved in routine processing, and the third is pending.

The question of industrial and commercial zoning was brought to the attention of the Board in the form of a request for approval of a Motel site. A recommendation will be made following a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARREN CHADWICK
WILLIAM E. DORMAN
SIMEON S. PEARL
WARREN R. GODFREY
CHARLES L. COTTON
CHARLES P. A. NELSON
E. LAURENCE COLBY
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE NORTH ANDOVER - BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following services were performed by this Department during 1959:

Discharge (certified copy)	12
Discharge (recorded)	14
Forms notarized	25
Photostats	175
Taxes	35
Annual Income Report	27
Compensation	10
Pension	12
Burial Allowance	12
Headstone	5
Insurance	11
Power of Attorney	25

Hospitalization	15
Out-Patient Treatment	6
Miscellaneous	45

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director

	N. Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance carried over from 1958	$17.93	$5.64	$23.57
Appropriated in 1958, Section 11 Chapter 599, Acts of 1946 Raised by the Assessors in 1959 Tax Levy	1,105.00	155.00	1,260.00
Totals	$1,122.93	$160.64	$1,283.57
Expended to Dec. 31, 1959 (A)	1,111.34	156.01	1,267.35
Balance, December 31, 1959	$11.59	$4.63	$16.22

(A) Basis for Apportionment Chapter 599, Acts of 1945, An Act Establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00 —	Per Cent .8769
Boxford	1,317,220.00 —	Per Cent .1231

District Department of Veterans Service.

JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$1,200.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. (Services)	55.85
Veterans Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans Laws)	9.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$1,267.35

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
Agent

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

FIRES

East Boxford	West Boxford
2 Car Fires Rte. 95	2 Chimney Fires
3 Chimney Fires	1 Car Fire
1 Clothes Washer	1 Electric Fire
1 Oil Burner	2 Calls to East Boxford
4 Calls to Regional School	
1 House Fire	

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

FIRES

East Boxford	West Boxford
2 Grass Fires Rte. 95	5 Grass Fires
6 Grass Fires	6 Woods Fires
1 Brush Fire	1 Brush Fire
3 Woods Fires	
2 Calls to West Boxford	

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Wood roads were trimmed out and widened in places so fire trucks can get through the forest easier in case of fire.

Some thinning was done in some sections, but enough undergrowth is being left for wild life protection.

A number of low spots along the wood roads were filled with gravel for safe driving.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
WINTHROP P. HAYNES
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Selectmen
Town of Boxford

During the past year two-way radio equipment has been installed in Engine 1 and Engine 4, with the main transmitting station located at East Boxford Fire House. This station, as well as the trucks, are on the same radio frequency as the Fire Department, Town of Topsfield, and can communicate with each other should the need arise.

It is planned to equip Engine 2 this year with radio, which will give the Department good communications coverage throughout the town.

The total cost of the equipment already installed was jointly shared by the Federal Government and the town. This was made possible by the cooperation of the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency and the Office of Defense and Mobilization.

The cooperation of the officials and department heads of the town is appreciated.

Respectfully,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,
Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The following communicable diseases and dog bite cases were reported to the Board of Health during 1959:

Disease	No. of Cases
German Measles	10
Mumps	16
Chicken Pox	13
Salmonellosis	3
Meningitis	1
Dog Bite	4

Poliomyelitis vaccine was administered to 294 children and adults by a team consisting of Drs. Nahil and Maddock, assisted by Miss Barnard and other nurses, with Miss Barbara Perley acting as clerk. Mrs. Charles W. Fifield kindly made the posters to advertise this clinic. Plans are being made to give the Salk vaccine to all who have not received it, or who may require booster injections. We would appreciate having the parents notify the teachers as to how many in each family will need the vaccine so that an adequate supply will be available. The dates of the clinic will be announced several weeks in advance.

The Board of Health has been interested in giving Asiatic Flu vaccine, but as of the date of this writing, there is no vaccine available in Boston or other eastern cities. An order has been placed with several drug houses and should the material become available, due publicity will be placed in the local papers and notices placed on the bulletin boards of the Post Offices and stores in each end of town.

During the year the Town Dump has been greatly helped by having Mr. Melvin W. Smallwood remove fill, thus increasing the size of the excavation and making the burning of refuse, dead trees and brush a safe project practically every day of the year. Mr. Wilmot has continued as custodian and has been most accommodating in his services. The townspeople are again urged to separate salvagable material from trash so

that he can realize a little more income than his meagre stipend provides.

The mobile X-ray unit from Essex County Health Association visited Boxford on April 13th, at which time 133 individuals had chest plates taken to rule out pulmonary tuberculosis. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this service annually.

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation and services received from the various departments of the town and from the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MADDOCK, M.D.
RAYMOND PERLEY
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE SANITARY ENGINEER

Honorable Board of Health
Town Hall
Boxford, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the activities of the sanitary engineer in Boxford during 1959:

Throughout the year, we have inspected the final sewage disposal systems for sixty-nine new homes. At the same time, since these dwellings will have to depend on private sources of water for drinking and cooking purposes, the location of all wells in the area had to be considered. It was imperative to take every reasonable precaution to prevent pollution of the neighbors' water, as well as that of the new home.

In addition, the owners of six older homes decided to completely reconstruct old sewerage systems. These were treated like completely new installations; they were considered in regard to sewage disposal and well location.

We studied three proposed subdivisions of land. Only one of these has actually received final approval from the Board of Health; however, the other two are in the process of being revised. These changes may have to be radical in order to insure that the over-all development will be a healthy environment.

In order to further safeguard the health of the public, we inspected all the camps in Boxford and the various food-handling stores. In addition, samples were taken from the wells and tested for pollution. At the day camps, samples were obtained from the swimming areas. In all, sanitary inspections were made of fifteen places and twenty samples were taken of wells and thirteen samples of bathing places. As a result, one public water supply was condemned for drinking and culinary uses; one swimming area was under suspicion until further test samples were obtained and these showed no further indications of a dangerous level of contamination.

Respectfully yours,

TRACY I. FLAGG,
Registered Sanitarian
Registered Professional Engineer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The expenditures for general relief, as predicted in our 1959 report, show a decrease of well over 50% from the previous year. This is due to a great extent to the fact that most needs can be met in the other three categories of relief.

The reports of the Central Essex Welfare District and the District Department of Veterans' Services show the other forms of relief in which the state and federal governments participate.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

The case load for Boxford has remained stable for the year 1959 with additions and losses in the Old Age Assistance cases to end with the same count, one closing and one opening in Aid to Dependent Children, and the same for Disability Assistance.

Old Age Assistance		14
Boxford settled	6	
State settled	6	
Other cities and towns	2	
Aid to Dependent Children: (No settlement in ADC)		
Average case count	2	6 children
Disability Assistance: (No settlement in DA)		
Average case count	3	

Medical expenditures increased markedly in 1959. In the past 2 years the need for hospitalization has been very limited, but this year $872.58 was spent for acute hospital care, and $391.90 for chronic hospital care, an increase of $1,161.55 over 1958. Nursing home rates increased as did the number of persons requiring care, and this item increased from $1,813.22 for 1 case to $5,517.20 for 4 cases. Due to the overall increase in illness the cost of drugs increased from $696.00 to $1,029.54 for the year. This pattern is reflected throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. Medical needs are becoming more and more a problem for Public Assistance. Due to the high cost of medical care and the inflexibility of Social Security and other retirement benefits, more and more people are finding savings and investments insufficient to meet the cost of prolonged illness, and have to apply for help when their means are exhausted.

It may be of general interest that the American Public Welfare Association in its Federal Legislative Objectives for 1960 recommends that health costs of old-age, survivors, and disability insurance beneficiaries should be financed through the OASDI (Social Security) program. Arrangements for

achieving this objective should take into account the priority needs of the groups to be served; availability of facilities, personnel, and services; and protection and encouragement of high quality care, including the organization of health and related services to effect appropriate utilization of services and facilities.

As more and more persons are covered by Social Security perhaps some plan as suggested will include some kind of prepaid insurance to pay for medical care. In the meantime, these growing needs and demands must be met from categorical assistance with state and federal funds reimbursing the locality providing the assistance.

Total medical expenditures:

1956	1957	1958	1959
$6,926.62	$3,235.08	$3,330.10	$8,180.22

By category for 1959:

OAA	$6,432.31
ADC	829.74
DA	918.17

All medical needs are paid for by vendor payment now (Payment to the person or facility providing the services) which has greatly simplified the problem of being sure that payment for services is made.

The agent wishes to thank all of the town officials and townspeople for their help and cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,
Agent

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

In January some of the double and triple chairs at the Town Hall were cut apart and repaired so that there are now single chairs which are available for more convenient use at card parties, etc. Five reinforced maple chairs were purchased for use in the office at the Town Hall. A new, modern

heat duct replaced the old one in the banquet room, making space for an extra table. The Boxford Grange contributed $20.00 toward this installation. Four new tables were provided as a joint project of the Grange and Firemen.

A pole was furnished and erected by the Merrimack-Essex Electric Company at no cost to the town, to provide an outside light in front of the Town Hall. Negotiations are being made to improve the lighting in West Boxford village.

Early in the spring the steps at Lincoln Hall were rebuilt with wooden treads, thus making a much safer approach.

A two-way communication system for the Fire Department was acquired at a cost of approximately $2,000.00, half of which was paid by the Commonwealth. This was made available through the Civil Defense Agency. A new and wider door was installed at the fire house in Boxford village. A more efficient fire alarm signal is in the process of construction in West Boxford.

Gas service has been extended through the Boxford Highlands development and across Georgetown Road to Holiday Hill area.

Many new warning signs have been erected in various parts of the town during the year.

A side walk along Endicott Road from the Topsfield-Boxford town line to the Masconomet Regional School was constructed, complete with hot-top surface and curbing.

Two dry wells were established on Chapman Road in an attempt to correct a drainage problem, part of the cost being shared by Mr. Hazelwood and Mr. Walker.

Extensive repairs were made at the bridge on Middleton Road. Weight limit signs have been procured for all bridges with a span of ten feet or more.

The improvement of Main Street under the provisions of Chapter 90, started in 1958, was completed in 1959. The new Chapter 90 project on Washington Street was started toward the end of the year. In conjunction with the continuance of this project in 1960, arrangements have been made with the State engineers to correct a drainage problem of long standing

at the junction of Washington and Main Streets at West Boxford village.

The usual maintenance of highways was carried on with Chapter 81 funds.

All highway work with funds allotted from the State and County was done under the supervision of the State District Highway Engineers.

At the request of the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing, U.S.A.F., a letter of greeting together with pictures, for which we are indebted to Mrs. Stuart K. Harris, was sent to Boxford, England, the parent town of Boxford, Massachusetts.

The Selectmen wish to express their appreciation for all donations of time, money and materials received by the town during the year, and the cooperation of the various departments.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1959

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$185,740.33	
Personal Property	23,506.40	
Poll	852.00	
		$210,098.73
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 16,253.75	
Personal Property	1,080.99	
Poll	28.00	
		$ 17,362.74

Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1957	$ 70.92	
Levy of 1958	2,950.59	
Levy of 1959	30,686.71	
		$ 33,708.22
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1957	$ 21.45	
Levy of 1959	90.56	
		$ 112.01
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1958	$ 70.50	
Levy of 1959	199.41	
		$ 269.91
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 17,559.04	
Chap. 90 Construction	6,000.00	
Chap. 718 Highway Fund	4,170.06	
		$ 27,729.10
For Education:		
U. S. Public Law No. 873	$ 2,463.84	
National Defense Education-Title IIIA	368.57	
Chap. 70, School Aid	17,125.34	
Aid, School Construction	2,845.47	
Education and Transportation	14,024.35	
Vocational Education	25.50	
		$ 36,853.07
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$ 5,533.61	
Corporation Taxes	5,223.80	
Loss of Taxes	1,548.74	
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	399.10	
Snow Removal	28.50	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
School Lunch Program	2,858.02	
Public Health	72.86	
		$ 15,689.63

For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 7,483.06	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	6,872.87	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,679.87	
Aid to Dependent Children U.S. Grant	2,275.50	
Disability Assistance	1,492.78	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,680.00	
Veterans' Benefits	786.88	
		$ 22,270.96
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$ 3,000.00	
Dog License Refund	411.93	
Dog Board Refund	46.00	
		$ 3,457.93
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Killam and Curtis Cemetery	$ 6.00	
Interest on School Funds	137.51	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	603.34	
West Parish	86.96	
		$ 833.81
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 313.41	
Highway	9.10	
Public Welfare	142.25	
Appeal Board	180.00	
School	448.91	
Board of Health	880.92	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	44.70	
Town Forest	5.00	
		$ 2,024.29
Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$ 523.25	
Slaughter	1,000.00	
Building	964.50	

Sewerage	660.00	
Junk	7.00	
Revolver	10.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	6.00	
Peddler	6.00	
Recreational Camp	3.50	
Lord's Day	.50	
Oleo	.50	
		$ 3,186.25
Unclassified:		
Interest on Taxes	$ 580.57	
School Lunch Program	6,772.28	
County Retirement	1,863.35	
Federal Withholding Deductions	11,057.40	
Rent of Town Halls	296.50	
Rent of Community House	50.00	
Departmental Refunds	65.65	
State Withholding Tax Deductions	655.56	
Tax Title Redemption	54.98	
Use of Telephones	41.90	
Pay Station Commission	54.46	
Use of Tank Truck	56.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	16.65	
Court Fines	10.00	
		$ 21,575.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$395,171.95

EXPENDITURES FOR 1959

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,229.83
Board of Public Welfare	260.72
Assessors	2,010.01
Treasurer	519.90
Town Clerk	357.36

Accountant	1,512.81	
Collector	1,720.93	
Registrars	54.00	
Elections	51.00	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	164.41	
Planning Board	446.79	
Building Inspector	900.00	
Wire Inspector	750.00	
Finance Committee	29.00	
Board of Health	2,389.57	
Board of Health—Special Appropriation	304.82	
		$ 14,191.03

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 25.00	
Dog Officer	98.00	
Police	4,622.47	
Forest Warden	2,498.94	
Fire Warden	2,500.00	
Tree Warden	1,195.55	
Moth Suppression	904.25	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,430.80	
Two-Way Radios—Fire Dept.	998.00	
Fire House Door	475.00	
		$ 14,748.01

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$ 521.98	
Disability Assistance	3,059.15	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,379.13	
Old Age Assistance	10,822.66	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	7,238.28	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,843.72	
Veterans' Benefits	2,380.55	
Central Essex Welfare District Administration	609.44	
		$ 31,482.33

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$107,264.52	
School Department, 1958 Account	393.71	
J. T. Barker Fund	7,552.13	
Vocational Education	172.95	
School Lunch Program	9,680.92	
East Parish Library	859.30	
West Parish Library	842.93	
Cole School Classrooms	217.05	
Vocational Education, 1958 Account	5.40	
Regional District School	66,861.28	
East Parish Library, Cote Fund	500.00	
		$194,350.19

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 19,339.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, Main Street	2,023.53	
Chap. 90 Construction, Washington St.	1,404.68	
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	4,439.00	
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,397.62	
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,200.00	
Street Lighting	747.96	
Highway Vacation Account	740.20	
Sick Benefit	197.60	
		$ 40,489.59

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$ 1,460.39
Public Grounds	118.08
Insurance	3,478.30
Town Forest	400.00
Memorial Day	265.52
Soldier's Graves	200.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Killam and Curtis Cemetery	6.00
Clerical	500.26
Federal Withholding Tax Deductions	11,057.40

State Withholding Tax Deductions	643.45	
Town Reports	724.25	
Civil Defense	449.82	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	424.29	
Essex Sanatorium	2,128.58	
Veterans' Service District	155.00	
State Parks and Reservations	608.64	
County Tax	5,407.13	
County Retirement System	2,117.16	
Morse House	30.00	
County Retirement Deductions	1,863.35	
Community House	60.04	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,477.37	
Real Estate Tax Refund	707.60	
Dog Licenses to County	523.25	
Principal on Maturing Debt	7,000.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,287.50	
		$ 44,343.38
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$339,604.53

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1959

ASSETS

Cash: General		$251,745.99
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1957		333.83
Levy of 1958:		
Poll	$ 20.00	
Real Estate	2,575.88	
Personal Property	164.60	
		2,760.48

Levy of 1959:		
Poll	88.00	
Real Estate	15,788.72	
Personal Property	1,199.59	
		17,076.31
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1958	216.84	
Levy of 1959	5,357.67	
		5,574.51
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1958	27.54	
Levy of 1959	29.57	
		57.11
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1958	32.15	
Levy of 1959	110.30	
		142.45
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	610.14	
Veterans' Services	84.72	
Old Age Assistance	94.43	
Highway—Snow Removal	434.25	
		1,223.54
Tax Titles		1,077.44
State and County Aid to Highways		21,373.30
		$301,364.96

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$ 88,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds — Cash and Securities	$ 57,632.63

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1959

LIABILITIES

Reserve until Collected:		
Tax Titles	$ 1,077.44	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Revenue	5,574.31	
Departmental Revenue	1,223.54	
Special Assessment Revenue	199.56	
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue	21,373.30	
		$ 29,447.15
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1957	$ 333.83	
Levy of 1958	2,760.48	
Levy of 1959	12,498.77	
		15,593.08
Overlay Surplus — Reserve		37,675.04
Excess and Deficiency		178,649.98
Appropriation Accounts:		
Goodwin Plans — 1954 Account	$ 100.00	
Elections	149.00	
Moth Suppression	495.75	
Chap. 90-Construction-Main Street	146.53	
Chap. 90-Construc'n-Washington St.	595.32	
Civil Defense	7.92	
		13,494.52
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 10,484.20	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,572.95	
Disability Assistance	3,165.58	
School Acct. U. S. Public Law No. 874	2,463.84	
School Acct. — National Defense Education Title III A	368.57	
		$ 20,055.14

School Lunch Program		986.75
Road Machinery Fund		1,622.29
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1957		.20
Overestimates:		
County Tax	$ 95.33	
State Parks and Reservations	59.48	
Mosquito Control	3,686.00	
		3,840.81
		$301,364.96

DEBT ACCOUNT

School Loan	$ 88,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$ 37,896.71	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	4,526.52	
East Parish Library	3,513.13	
West Parish Library	3,013.13	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,160.59	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,104.94	
Curtis and Killam Burial Lot Fund	283.91	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	1,133.70	
		$ 57,632.63

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1959

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$ 1,180.00	
Office Expense	25.83	
State and County Association Dues	24.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,229.83	
Balance to revenue	70.17	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$ 240.00	
Office Expenses	20.72	
Total expenditures	$ 260.72	
Balance to revenue	39.28	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		10.01
Salaries, Board of Assessors	$ 1,200.00	
Clerical	545.50	
Abstracts	103.42	
Office supplies	152.09	
State and County Association Dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$ 2,010.01	$ 2,010.01

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 350.00	
Bond	108.00	
Office supplies	53.50	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.40	
State Association Dues	4.00	
Total expenditures	519.90	
Balance to revenue	130.10	
	$ 650.00	$ 650.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$ 450.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 216.00	

Bond	5.00	
Office expense	128.86	
State Association Dues	7.50	
Total expenditures	357.36	
Balance to revenue	92.64	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Collector

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Salary, Collector	$ 1, 200.00	
Bonds	208.60	
Office expense	308.33	
State Association Dues	4.00	
Total expenditures	1,720.93	
Balance to revenue	279.07	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Salary, Accountant	$ 1,350.00	
Office expenses	162.81	
Total expenditures	1,512.81	
Balance to revenue	187.19	
	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$ 50.00
State Association Dues	$ 10.00	

Printing and postage	19.00	
Total expenditures	29.00	
Balance to revenue	21.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 54.00	
Balance to revenue	146.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Elections

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Services, Town Clerk	$ 9.00	
Printing	42.00	
Total expenditures	51.00	
Balance to 1960	149.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Transfer from Reserve		20.00
Advertising	$ 152.50	
Office expense	11.91	
Total expenditures	$ 164.41	
Balance to revenue	5.59	
	$ 170.00	$ 170.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Transfer from Reserve		200.00
Professional Services	$ 200.00	
Office Supplies	39.79	

Surveyors Services	207.00	
Total expenditures	$ 446.79	
Balance to revenue	3.21	
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$ 900.00
Services, Building Inspector	$ 750.00	
Office expense	150.00	
Total expenditures	$ 900.00	$ 900.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriation		$ 650.00
Transfer from Reserve		100.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$ 600.00	
Office expense	150.00	
Total expenditures	$ 750.00	$ 750.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$ 2,800.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$ 225.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	780.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker	936.00	
Maintenance of Dump	332.01	
Hospitalization	93.00	
Office Supplies	10.26	
Rubbish Collection	13.30	
Total expenditures	$ 2,389.57	
Balance to revenue	410.43	
	$ 2,800.00	$ 2,800.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$ 939.88	
Total expenditures	$ 939.88	
Balance to revenue	260.12	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 35.00
Salary, Sealer	$ 25.00	
Balance to revenue	10.00	
	$ 35.00	$ 35.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$ 70.00
Refunds from Essex County		46.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$ 50.00	
Board and disposal of stray dogs	48.00	
Total expenditures	$ 98.00	
Balance to revenue	18.00	
	$ 116.00	$ 116.00

Police

Appropriation		$ 4,100.00
Transfer from Reserve		522.47
Labor	$ 3,403.00	
Use of Cars	8.00	

Insurance	75.00	
Equipment	146.90	
Telephone	145.38	
Repairs	477.03	
Gasoline and oil	367.16	
Total expenditures	$ 4,622.47	$ 4,622.47

Two-Way Radios for Fire Department

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Mass. C. D. Agency	$ 998.00	
Balance to revenue	2.00	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$ 220.00	
Labor	346.95	
Janitor Service	230.00	
Telephones	566.04	
Equipment	446.70	
Repairs	236.45	
Gasoline and oil	71.01	
Fuel	139.38	
Association dues and subscription	6.50	
Supplies	135.91	
Total expenditures	$ 2,498.94	
Balance to revenue	1.06	
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Labor	$ 291.65	
Equipment	800.64	
Repairs	225.71	
Telephones	274.68	
Fuel	175.19	

Gasoline	42.13	
New Heating System	690.00	
Total expenditures	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

Fire House Door Account

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Door installed	$ 475.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Labor	$ 146.30	
Trucks	75.00	
Tractor	35.00	
Power Saw	12.00	
Contract Work	880.75	
Trees	36.00	
County Association Dues	10.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,195.55	
Balance to revenue	4.45	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$ 1,400.00
Labor	$ 139.20	
Spraying	420.65	
Truck	1.50	
Supplies	82.50	
Contract Work	260.40	
Total expenditures	$ 904.25	
Balance to 1960	495.75	
	$ 1,400.00	$ 1,400.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Labor	$ 169.00	
Bulldozer	75.00	
Power Saw	4.00	
Spraying	111.30	
Trucks	25.00	
Tractor	10.50	
Contract Work	1,036.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,430.80	
Balance to revenue	69.20	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Fuel and Light	$ 178.08	
Hospital	101.95	
Other cities and towns	241.95	
Total expenditures	$ 521.98	
Transfer to Welfare District	34.44	
Transfer to A. D. C.	127.42	
Transfer to O. A. A.	816.16	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Refund		6.50
Transfer from General Relief		816.16
Cash	$ 10,409.11	
Other cities and towns	413.55	
	$ 10,822.66	$ 10,822.66

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1958		$ 10,686.98
Federal Grants		7,035.50
Cash	$ 7,238.28	
Balance to 1960	10,484.20	
	$ 17,722.48	$ 17,722.48

Aid To Dependent Children

Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Transfer from General Relief		127.42
Cash	$ 3,627.42	
	$ 3,627.42	$ 3,627.42

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1958		$ 3,141.17
Federal Grants		2,275.50
Cash	$ 1,843.72	
Balance to 1960	3,572.95	
	$ 5,416.67	$ 5,416.67

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Refund		59.15
Cash	$ 3,059.15	
	$ 3,059.15	$ 3,059.15

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1958		$ 2,864.71
Federal Grants		1,680.00
Cash	$ 1,379.13	
Balance to 1960	3,165.58	
	$ 4,544.71	$ 4,544.71

Central Essex Welfare District Administration

Appropriation		$ 575.00
Transfer from General Relief		34.44
Welfare District	$ 609.44	
	$ 609.44	$ 609.44

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$2,500.00
Cash	$ 1,602.00	
Medical	283.40	
Hospital	415.15	
Food	80.00	
Total expenditures	$ 2,380.55	
Balance to revenue	119.45	
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$ 3,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		1,000.00
Labor	$ 1,988.50	
Trucks	571.62	
Loader	96.00	
Roller	72.00	
Grader	30.00	
Tractor	36.00	
Backhoe	30.00	
Hot Top	877.04	
Lumber	378.58	
Signs	159.70	
Painting Curb	40.00	
Creosote	32.45	

Salt	73.80	
Hardware	2.23	
Sand and Stone	51.08	
Use of Town Tools	61.00	
Total expenditures	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00

Chapter 90 — Construction, Main Street

Appropriation—Chapter 718—Bond Issue		$ 670.06
State Allotment		1,000.00
County Allotment		500.00
Labor	$ 1,230.00	
Trucks	113.75	
Tractor	210.00	
Oil	256.69	
Loam	60.00	
Cement	55.45	
Grass Seed	32.00	
Pipe	55.84	
Sand	9.80	
Total expenditures	$ 2,023.53	
Balance to 1960	146.53	
	$ 2,170.06	$ 2,170.06

Chapter 90 — Construction, Washington Street

Appropriation—Chapter 718—Bond Issue		$ 3,500.00
State Allotment		7,000.00
County Allotment		3,500.00
Labor	$ 845.05	
Trucks	12.25	
Bulldozer	288.00	
Tractor	33.00	
Power Saws	52.00	
Pipe	174.30	
Total expenditures	1,404.68	

Balance to 1960	12,595.32	
	$ 14,000.00	$ 14,000.00

Chapter 81 — Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
State Allotment		16,500.00
Labor	$ 9,149.73	
Trucks	2,047.50	
Bulldozer	49.00	
Grader	420.00	
Backhoe	80.00	
Tractors	575.00	
Power Saws	2.00	
Sand and Gravel	2,278.63	
Oil	3,904.70	
Signs	90.00	
Cement	47.50	
Lumber	17.36	
Patch	537.42	
Pipe	109.76	
Reinforcement Iron	30.40	
Use of Town Tools	161.00	
Total expenditures	$ 19,500.00	$ 19,500.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		687.62
Labor	$ 4,728.35	
Trucks	721.75	
Trucks and Plows	1,637.50	
Sander	791.50	
Tractor	180.00	
Repairs	832.61	
Sand and salt	1,505.91	
Use of Town Tools	290.00	
Total expenditures	$ 10,687.62	$ 10,687.62

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer from Road Machinery Fund		500.00
Transfer from Reserve		200.00
Labor	$ 62.50	
Truck	10.50	
Gasoline and oil	53.81	
Repairs	441.50	
Equipment	400.00	
Fuel and light	133.40	
Tools	61.83	
Paint	30.46	
Plates - registration	6.00	
Total expenditures	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 775.00
Street Lights	$ 747.96	
Balance to revenue	27.04	
	$ 775.00	$ 775.00

Highway Vacation Account

Appropriation		$ 1,150.00
Vacation Payrolls	$ 740.20	
Balance to revenue	409.80	
	$ 1,150.00	$ 1,150.00

Sick Benefit

Transfer from Reserve		$ 200.00
Pay Rolls	$ 197.60	
Balance to revenue	2.40	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$108,022.01
Teachers' Salaries:		
School Teachers	$ 50,654.14	
Substitutes	982.50	
Supervisors	2,710.00	
Home Instruction	342.76	
Superintendence:		
Salary	2,100.00	
Clerk	708.00	
Expense	296.55	
Health:		
Nurse	633.36	
Physician	210.00	
Supplies	6.74	
Tuition	1,136.41	
Transportation	14,632.70	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	$ 4,468.00	
Committee Expense	131.80	
Books	2,900.00	
Supplies	2,376.78	
Fuel	2,785.95	
Electricity	1,326.60	
Telephones	238.65	
Repairs	3,120.96	
Insurance	2,000.00	
Janitor's Supplies	792.75	
Athletic Program Expense	71.00	
Grounds	261.53	
Furnishings	2,173.80	

Rubbish Collection	94.70	
Miscellaneous expenses	108.24	
Total expenditures	$107,264.52	
Balance to revenue	757.49	
	$108,022.01	$108,022.01

School — 1958 Account

Balance from 1958		$ 4,842.10
Tuition	$ 100.00	
Repairs	18.29	
Janitor's Supplies	72.52	
Fuel	88.83	
Rubbish Collection	51.10	
Athletic Transportation and expense	59.32	
Telephone	3.65	
Total expenditures	$ 393.71	
Balance to revenue	4,448.39	
	$ 4,842.10	$ 4,842.10

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1958		$ 7,552.13
Tuition	$ 7,552.13	
	$ 7,552.13	$ 7,552.13

Cole School Classrooms

Balance from 1958		$ 248.28
Contractor	$ 217.05	
Balance to revenue	31.23	
	$ 248.28	$ 248.28

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Tuition	$ 172.95	
Balance to revenue	127.05	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1958		$ 1,037.37
State Grants		2,858.02
Cash		6,772.28
Salaries	$ 2,606.75	
Food	7,074.17	
Total expenditures	9,680.92	
Balance to 1960	986.75	
	$ 10,667.67	$ 10,667.67

Regional District School

Appropriation		$ 66,861.28
Masconomet Regional District School	$ 66,861.28	
	$ 66,861.28	$ 66,861.28

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 550.00
Half dog license refund from County		205.96
Interest from Library Funds		603.34
Operation expense refunded to Association	$ 1,359.30	
	$ 1,359.30	$ 1,359.30

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$ 550.00
Half dog license refund from County		205.97
Interest from Library Funds		86.96
Operating expense refunded to Association	$ 842.93	
	$ 842.93	$ 842.93

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Janitors	$ 151.50	
Fuel	469.81	

Light	221.20	
Telephone	254.33	
Repairs	335.12	
Supplies	18.43	
Furniture	10.00	
Total expenditures	1,460.39	
Balance to revenue	39.61	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$ 350.00
Care of Public Grounds	$ 118.08	
Total expenditures	118.08	
Balance to revenue	231.92	
	$ 350.00	$ 350.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Labor	$ 320.00	
Gravel—delivered and spread	80.00	
Total expenditures	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Soldier's Graves

Appropriation		$ 225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$ 100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$ 225.00	$ 225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Maintenance	$ 150.00	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 50.00	
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Transfer from Reserve		15.52
Band	$ 125.00	
Flags	18.00	
Refreshments	122.52	
Total expenditures	$ 265.52	265.52

Clerical

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Clerical	$ 500.26	
Total expenditures	500.26	
Balance to revenue	99.74	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 724.25
Town Reports	$ 724.25	
Total expenditures	$ 724.25	$ 724.25

Morse House

Appropriation		$ 75.00
Survey	$ 30.00	
Balance to revenue	45.00	
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

Community House

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Light	$ 33.74	
Repairs	26.30	
Total expenditures	$ 60.04	
Balance to revenue	139.96	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1958		$ 57.74
Appropriation		400.00
Director's Salary	$ 50.00	
Fire	136.31	
Communications	71.10	
Advertising	18.00	
Telephone	125.59	
Director's expenses	48.82	
Total expenditures	449.82	
Balance to 1960	7.92	
	$ 457.74	$ 457.74

Contingency Fund

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Use of Clay's Beach	$ 120.00	
Distribution of Town Reports	25.00	
Maps	20.00	
Recording Deeds	13.00	
Civil Defense	119.04	
City of Haverhill (Police)	44.00	
Wiring Outside Light at Town Hall	55.00	
Appeal Board Fee	15.00	

Miscellaneous	13.25	
Total expenditures	$ 424.29	
Balance to revenue	75.71	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Interest and Amortization of School Loan

Appropriation		$ 9,500.00
Interest	$ 2,287.50	
Payment on Principal	7,000.00	
Total expenditures	$ 9,287.50	
Balance to Revenue	212.50	
	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		$ 3,000.00
Total Transfers	$ 2,955.62	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	44.38	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 5,700.00
Compensation	$ 908.28	
Liability	1,784.63	
Fire	427.26	
Motor Vehicle	223.38	
Fire Department	134.75	
Total expenditures	$ 3,478.30	
Balance to revenue	2,221.70	
	$ 5,700.00	$ 5,700.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1959 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1959		$196,178.57
S. S. Pearl, Collector	$262,132.18	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	$ 27,729.10	
Education	36,853.07	
Taxes	12,778.11	
Old Age Assistance, grants	14,355.93	
Aid to Dep. Children, grants	3,955.37	
Disability Assistance, grants	3,172.78	
Veterans' Benefits	786.88	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Snow Removal, Routes 97 and 133	28.50	
School Lunch Program	2,858.02	
County of Essex:		
Highways	3,000.00	
Dog License refund	411.93	
Trust Funds, income	833.81	
Departmental receipts	2,024.29	
Licenses and permits	3,186.25	
Income from town property	402.50	
Federal Withholding Tax Account	11,057.40	
State Withholding Tax Account	655.56	
Departmental refunds	111.65	
School Lunch Program	6,772.28	
County Retirement account	1,863.35	
Court Fines	10.00	
Telephone refunds and commission	96.36	
Miscellaneous	16.65	
Tax Title Redemption	54.98	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$395,171.95
		$591,350.52

Disbursements:	
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen	$339,604.53
Balance, December 31, 1959	$251,745.99

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $6,500.00.

$6,500.00 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$ 6,500.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	7,247.30
Interest for the year 1959	255.87
Balance January 1, 1960	7,503.17

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 82858:	
On deposit, January 1, 1959	$ 134.17
Interest for the year 1959	4.39
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 138.56
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 14,818.82
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	162.50
Savings Bank Interest for 1959	631.98
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 15,613.30
Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 7,873.72
Interest for the year 1959	267.96
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 8,141.68

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds was deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 1,859.57
Interest for the year 1959	65.64
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 1,925.21

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:

On deposit Janrary 1, 1959	$ 2,512.62
Interest for the year 1959	88.69
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 2,601.31

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 2,092.04
Interest for the year 1959	68.55
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 2,160.59

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 280.13
Interest for the year 1959	9.78
	289.91
Withdrawn	6.00
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 283.91

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 2,000.00
Interest for the year 1959	65.52
	$ 2,065.52
Withdrawn	65.52
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 2,000.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1959	50.95
	$ 1,550.95
Withdrawn	37.82
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 1,513.13

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year 1959	49.14
	$ 1,549.14
Withdrawn	49.14
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 1,5000.00
Interest for the year 1959	50.95
	$ 1,550.95
Withdrawn	37.82
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 1,513.13

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 1,550.21
Interest for the year 1959	54.73
	$ 1,604.94
Withdrawn December 7, 1959	500.00
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 1,104.94

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit January 1, 1959	$ 1,095.04
Interest for the year 1959	38.66
Balance January 1, 1960	$ 1,133.70

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1959

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 1,000.00
Book No. 11474	
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$ 4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 33.76
Danvers Savings Bank	70.00
Salem Savings Bank	33.75
Total	$ 137.51

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
RICHARD P. CHADWICK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,
Treasurer

REPORT ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE MORSE HOUSE

The committee authorized at the Annual Town Meeting to "study and report on the disposition of the Morse House" in West Boxford, met at the site to inspect the property and discuss the possibilities.

The old Morse house, situated on Washington Street near the junction of Washington Street and Willow Road in West Boxford, was built by Jacob C. Parker in 1799. Here he resided until his death in 1825. The house was then occupied by Mr. Parker's son, Aron and his wife, Priscilla (Buswell).

Mr. and Mrs. Aron Parker had a daughter, Mary, who married Samuel Morse. Samuel lived in the house until 1872, and his wife until 1881.

So these two families lived under the same roof, having 13 children between them. Of this number, nine were boys, and all served in the Civil War.

The committee wholeheartedly agreed that appropriate action should be taken to preserve this bit of history for all time.

Although the house at one time might have been restored as a fitting memorial, its present condition would necessitate a greater expenditure than would seem warranted. In the opinion of the committee, the military fact of the nine boys serving in the Civil War is more worthy of perpetuating than the house itself.

We would, therefore, recommend that the property be sold immediately at the price of $5,000, with the following restrictions in the deed:

1. Land to be for residential use only.
2. House to be of Colonial design to complement the present structure.
3. Plans of proposed house to be approved by a committee of three appointed by the Town moderator.

We further recommend that a stone marker be placed on the land between the existing house and Washington Street, just outside the boundary line as indicated on the accompany-

ing survey, using the necessary money from the sale of the land, and that the balance of the income be invested in the name of the "Samuel Morse Fund," the interest to be used by the libraries of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS WINNIFRID C. PARKHURST
MRS. ROSAMOND PRICE
MR. MERTON S. BARROWS

REPORT OF AUDITS

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of

THE TOWN CLERK

and

THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

(For the Period from July 28, 1957 to July 31, 1959)

of the

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

February 1, 1960

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman

Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from July 28, 1957 to July 31, 1959, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from July 28, 1957, the date of the previous audit, to July 31, 1959, and report thereon as follows:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked with the records of the town treasurer and the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were compared with the treasurer's cash book and with the approved treasury warrants. The appropriations and transfers, as entered, were checked with the town clerk's record of town meeting votes and with the finance committee's records of transfers authorized from the reserve fund, while other accounts were checked with the records of the several departments in which the transactions originated.

An analysis was made of the ledger accounts, a trial balance was taken off proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, a copy of which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of July 31, 1959.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified, and the recorded receipts were compared with the accountant's books, with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, and with other sources from which money is paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to dis-

burse town funds and with the accountant's ledger. The cash balance on July 31, 1959 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit, by verification of the certificates of deposit, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file, the bond and coupon account being reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were personally examined and listed. The income was proved, and all transactions and balances were verified and checked with the books of the town accountant.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances as shown on the individual employees' records were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked with the deeds on file. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the tax collector's books, the redemptions were checked with the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts in the tax collector's office were examined and checked. The taxes and excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants. The recorded receipts were checked with the commitment books, the abatements as recorded were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded transfers to tax titles were checked with the treasurer's record of tax titles taken, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding tax and excise accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined and checked. The recorded receipts from dog and sporting licenses were checked, and the payments to the town and to the State were verified.

The available records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and the building and plumbing inspectors, as well as by the police, health, highway, and school departments, and by all other departments in which money is collected for the town, were examined and checked. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to file them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the town treasurer's and tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the several trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts

BALANCE SHEET — JULY 31, 1959

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash: General,		$169,559.56
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1957:		
Real Estate	$346.83	
Levy of 1958:		
Poll	32.00	
Personal Property	370.60	
Real Estate	4,814.65	
Levy of 1959:		
Poll	166.00	
Personal Property	23,329.91	
Real Estate	180,294.29	
		$209,354.28
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1957	$187.21	
Levy of 1958	400.13	
Levy of 1959	8,336.99	
		8,924.33
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1958	$32.15	
Levy of 1959	121.28	
		153.43
Special Taxes:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1958	$27.54	
Levy of 1959	78.87	
		106.41
		824.13
Departmental:		
Health	$72.86	
Highway—Snow Removal	434.25	

Disability Assistance	495.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,451.20	
Old Age Assistance:		
State	2,170.73	
Cities and Towns	94.43	
Veterans' Services	66.25	
		4,784.72
Aid to Highways:		
State	$17,500.00	
County	500.00	
		18,000.00
Estimated Receipts—To be Collected		27,436.52
		$439,143.38

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Outside Debt Limit:	
General	$88,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer	$56,784.66
In Custody of Trustees	28,015.08
	$84,799.74

BALANCE SHEET — JULY 31, 1959

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES and RESERVES

State and County Assessments 1959:		
State Recreation Area	$668.12	
State Mosquito Control	3,686.00	
County Tax	5,502.46	
		$9,856.58

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$893.48	
State Taxes	53.45	
County Retirement System	124.57	
		1,071.50
Agency:		
County — Dog Licenses		14.00
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Assistance	$3,032.46	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Aid	3,594.24	
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	11,207.33	
School Aid — Public Law 874	2,463.84	
		20,297.87
Revolving Fund:		
School Lunch		1,307.39
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General		173,922.74
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Road Machinery		1,437.29
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		35,175.49
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1957	$346.83	
Levy of 1958	5,217.25	
Levy of 1959	15,183.78	
		20,747.86
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$8,924.33	
Farm Animal Excise	153.43	
Special Tax	106.41	
Tax Title	824.13	

Departmental	4,784.72	
Aid to Highways	18,000.00	
		32,793.02
Surplus Revenue:		142,519.64
		$439,143.38

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Serial Loans:		
Outside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School Construction		88,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Treasurer:		
Welfare Funds:		
Town Farm	$36,896.15	
Sarah P. Perley	2,092.04	
Visiting Nurse Association	1,095.04	
		$40,083.23
School Fund		4,000.00
Library Funds:		
East Parish	$3,500.00	
East Parish — Cote	1,550.21	
West Parish	3,000.00	
		8,050.21
Cemetery:		
Curtis - Killam		279.03
Investment Fund:		
Post-War Rehabilitation		4,372.19
In Custody of Trustees:		
Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund		28,015.08
		$84,799.74

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1959

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Louis Vrettos, Chairman — Term Expires 1960
Main Street, West Boxford — Tel. DR 2-7252
Donald Hammond, Secretary — Term Expires 1962
Mill Street, Boxford — Tel. TU 7-6882
John S. Haywood — Term Expires 1961
Ipswich Road, Boxford — Tel. TU 7-5275

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson
81 West Main Street, Georgetown — Tel. FL 2-3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Fred J. Nahil, M.D.
67 Central Street, Georgetown — Tel. FL 2-3081

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield, Mass.

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

Archer French — Clayton Nelson
Boxford, Mass. — West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	School	Degree	Grade
Joseph Ritchie, Principal	Harry Lee Cole	M.A.	6
Gladys MacPherson	Harry Lee Cole		6
Mary Welch	Harry Lee Cole		6
Ruth E. Morin	Harry Lee Cole		5
Margaret Isabelle	Harry Lee Cole	B.S.	5
Mrs. Lelia Millay	Harry Lee Cole		1
Geraldine Gordon	Harry Lee Cole	B.S.	1
Helen Chadwick	Aaron Wood		4
Harriet L. Edwards	Aaron Wood	B.A.	4
Dorothy Carver	Gardner Morse	B.S.	2
Dillon D. Pollard	Gardner Morse	A.B.	2
Marie Audet	Gardner Morse	B.S.	3
Maureen Shortell	Community House	B.S.	3
Frank Petronzio	Art Supervisor	B.F.A.	
Helen G. Hayden	Music Supervisor	B.M.	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The annual report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1959 is hereby submitted:

As was forecast in previous years the demand for school facilities has continued at an increasing rate. The Harry Lee Cole School as well as the Aaron Wood and the Gardner Morse Schools have been fully utilized. In addition, it has been necessary to use the Community House on the school site. All in all, 1959 was a year of change and growth for the Boxford Public Schools. More students were enrolled in the first 6 grades than were found in 8 grades in 1958.

The School Committee appreciates the excellent cooperation and assistance not only of the teaching and administrative staff but also of the various groups and individuals of the town who contributed their help and their patience in this period of dynamic change.

The School Committee was ever cognizant of the zooming educational costs and has attempted to realistically keep the educational budget within reasonable limits. No longer can Boxford be considered a leisurely, informal village, for the rate of growth portends a rather large resident population with its requisite organization and departmentalization of town governmental activities. The nostalgia over "old times" is heightened by the fact that Boxford is parting ways with an old friend and devoted servant, Mr. William Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, who is leaving the town's employ after over 19 years of service. The formation of a new supervisory union between Boxford and Topsfield has ended "Bill's" close and interested guidance of the Boxford schools.

The continued high standards and achievements of Boxford students were in a large measure due to the dedicated efforts of Mr. Johnson and his staff through the years.

The Boxford school buildings are in very good repair and are a credit to the teachers and custodial staff. The mushrooming population growth in Boxford demands that all cognizant town officials expedite long-range planning for suitable and adequate public buildings.

Finally, the excellent level of achievement of the Boxford school graduates is no accident but the result of interested, devoted and capable teaching of the entire teaching staff. It is this high level of pupil achievement that must be maintained as the principal objective of the School Committee's deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS VRETTOS
J. STUART HAYWOOD
DONALD C. HAMMOND, Secretary
School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1959.

The past year has been a year in which a long term educational objective has been realized in Boxford. The opening of the new Masconomet Regional High School provides the institution where Boxford secondary school pupils are assured an education on this level in an institution in which Boxford shares in the ownership and control. The time and planning of committee members, to provide an institution which would fully meet the needs of the boys and girls it serves, is a great contribution of effort for future generations.

The release of grades seven and eight from our elementary school system, with the opening of the new Regional School, came at an opportune time. When our schools reopened in September 1959, the enrolment in the lower six grades was but two less than was the enrolment of the lower eight grades in September 1958. The increase in the lower six grades, however, was so great that it was necessary to again use the Community House in order to provide two classrooms for each grade.

In view of the rapid growth of Boxford it is again necessary that I call your attention to the need for increased school facilities. At present building rates in the town, we may be reasonably sure of an increase in our elementary enrolment of sixty pupils per year for each of the next several years. I recommend that expert professional services be retained in order that a proper long range solution of housing needs will evolve.

While it is necessary to have adequate educational facilities for our pupils, it is even more necessary to have a well trained educational staff. A good teacher is not only trained for teaching but must be an individual who understands boys and girls, desires to help young people, and who gets at least as much pleasure from the accomplishments of the pupils as from the pay check.

The educational standards in the Boxford schools are at a high level. The teaching staff is constantly on the alert to im-

prove through further study of both materials and methods. Use of audio visual aids in the classroom where they are most helpful in the realization of an objective, have a place.

In the fall of 1952 channel 2, Educational Television, was brought to Boxford classrooms through introducing French in the program of several grades. The experiment is proving to be valuable and is accepted with enthusiasm. The program is very effectively presented and the Supervisor from Channel 2 Television holds regular meetings with the teachers.

The schools reopened in September with two new members of the teaching staff; Miss Marie Audet became the teacher of the third grade class in West Boxford where Mrs. Wannamaker, substitute teacher, had finished the last school year. Miss Maureen Shortell became the teacher of the added third grade class in the Community House. Both Miss Audet and Miss Shortell reside at Salem, Mass. and both are 1959 graduates of Salem Teachers College with practice teaching experience in the schools of Salem. At the end of December, Mrs. Dillon Pollard, teacher of a second grade at West Boxford, completed her duties.

As I close this, my twentieth annual report, and complete my duties as Superintendent of Schools in the Town of Boxford, I do so with a feeling of satisfaction that the boys and girls of Boxford have a sound educational program with a competent staff. I am sure that those who have completed their education in our elementary schools have had educational backgrounds commensurate with the education of pupils in other communities where they have attended secondary school.

It has been a pleasure to work with the boys and girls in Boxford, with the school staff, school committee members, Town officials and citizens. I am grateful for the cooperation of all during my tenure as Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending December 31, 1959.

Every child possesses a feeling for music to a certain degree, some more than others, and it is the attempt of the public school music program to develop this musicianship through the singing of beautiful songs, rhythmic expression such as folk dancing, and by listening to good music.

The combined first grades presented a Christmas operetta which gave them much pleasure in performing for their parents, in song and dance.

The second and third grades have new music books this year which add a great deal to their interest in the program. The television program is enthusiastically enjoyed by these groups, giving them an opportunity to learn songs and dances of other countries.

The third and fourth grades are learning to sing many French songs which are presented on their French language television programs.

At Christmas time the fourth grades enjoyed singing in Latin, German, and French. They have also been singing two-part music. Much emphasis has been placed on singing with good pitch and music reading with syllables.

In the fifth grade there is much two-part harmony, with the groups alternating on the harmony and melody. Dances coordinating with the songs in their music books are enjoyed by the students.

There is a continuation of singing in harmony in the sixth grades, with the introduction of three-part music. Interpretation of the songs includes finding keys, accurate pitch, variations in tempo and shadings in tone and color.

The instrumental program has not been introduced, but it is hoped that as soon as it has become well established in the regional school, a beginning may be made in the elementary school.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) HELEN G. HAYDEN,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the year ending December 31, 1959.

A weekly visit is made by the art instructor in which lessons are geared to the grade level.

These lessons are designed to give the children a maximum of freedom in art expression.

Various materials and methods are used to give the broadest art experience possible.

Group projects, such as mural making, create situations in which the students strive for a common goal.

The art teacher tries to give the student individual attention in solving art problems.

Slides of famous paintings are shown, to familiarize the student with great artists and works of art.

The art supervisor hopes to encourage enjoyment of art, with the hope that the student will participate in some form of art, and to enjoy it, throughout life.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK PETRONZIO

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.

We herewith submit our annual report as school physician and school nurse.

Physical examinations were given to the first and fourth grades and all pupils new to the school system by Dr. F. J. Nahil.

At the pre-school clinic in May, 33 children were examined with seven requests for forms to be filled out by family physicians. Next year, family physician forms and dental cards will be enclosed with clinic notices in the hope that with the increasing number of pre-school children, more families will avail themselves of the opportunity to have their children examined by the family physician.

T.B. Patch testing was given to the first and fourth grades with 75 children participating. One child was x-rayed with negative results.

As a result of vision testing, 4 children were referred for corrective treatment. Hearing tests revealed 2 children in need of treatment.

Diphtheria-tetanus boosters were given to 42 students in the school during May, 1959.

We wish to express our thanks for the excellent cooperation from all school personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.

FRED J. NAHIL, M.D.

HARRY LEE COLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Carol Anne Baer
Richard Warren Bergstrom
Kathleen Terrell Austin
John Russell Clifford
Arthur Gingrande, Jr.
Peter Stuart Haywood
Gail Lynn Jorgensen
Robert Wayne Klingensmith, Jr.
William Charles Meeker
Susan Ellen Nangle
F. Frederick Perry, Jr.
Lona Lee Reed
Paula Ann Wesson
Jacqueline Joyce Bergstrom
David Channing Bickford
Linda Eileen Berube
Susan Helen Eaton
Paul Joseph Greenler
Pamela Dorothy Hosman
Brian Robert Kelley
Charles Nathaniel Love
Linda Sue Munroe
James Henry Nason
Katherine Ann Phillips
Ralph Pingree Schott, II
Robert Martin Woodbury
Ann Dunleigh Roberts

ENROLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1959

HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	31				21	26	78
Girls	29				24	20	73
Total	60				45	46	151

AARON WOOD

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys				21			21
Girls				17			17
Total				38			38

GARDNER MORSE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys		31	14				45
Girls		25	7				32
Total		56	21				77

COMMUNITY HOUSE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys			16				16
Girls			12				12
Total			28				28

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16-21	Totals
Boys	58	197	32	287
Girls	57	168	41	266
Total	115	365	73	553

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1959

Chapter 70, as amended	$14,313.34
Superintendent of Schools	896.00
Transportation	14,024.35
	$29,233.69

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 1960

ADMINISTRATION:		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 3,600.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	297.50	
Clerk and Office Expense	1,840.00	
Supervisor of Attendance	20.00	
School Committee Expense	150.00	
		$ 5,907.50
INSTRUCTION:		
Teachers' Salaries	$ 57,524.34	
Supervisors' Salaries	8,800.00	
Substitutes	700.00	
Textbooks	1,700.00	
Supplies	2,100.00	

Libraries and Audio Visual Aids	800.00	
Supervisors' Expense	400.00	
		$ 72,024.34
OPERATION:		
Janitors' Salaries	$ 5,950.00	
Fuel	3,700.00	
Electricity	1,700.00	
Janitor Supplies	700.00	
Telephones	275.00	
Rubbish Collection and Snow Removal	220.00	
		$ 12,545.00
HEALTH:		
Physician	$ 350.00	
Nurse	740.00	
Supplies	50.00	
		$ 1,140.00
Transportation		14,189.50
Maintenance		3,500.00
Insurance		2,000.00
Equipment		1,000.00
Federal Aid, Public Law 85-864		700.00
Physical Education		300.00
Improvements		300.00
Home Instruction and Special Education		600.00
Cafeteria Equipment		500.00
		$114,706.34

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS 1960

Chapter 70, as amended	$ 18,628.09	
Union Superintendent of Schools	1,101.33	
Transportation	10,800.00	
		30,529.42
LOCAL NET COST		$ 84,176.92

VOCATIONAL BUDGET

Vocational Education	$	500.00
Estimated Vocational Reimbursement		200.00
LOCAL NET COST	$	300.00

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As has been expected, the full impact of operating the Regional School for its first full year is being felt in the 1960 budget. This has, in fact, been a much higher expense than was expected because the school population growth has been even greater than was projected. This growth picture holds true also for our local school system, and it is noteworthy that there are now about the same number of pupils in six grades as we formerly had in eight. This large increase in the educational program has brought us to a situation where the combined school budget of the town, local and regional, is about the same as the entire town budget of 1959. The school budget alone has increased $83,000 of the total $90,000 budget increase for this year. In the past three years the percentage of our total expenditures which have gone to schools has increased from 57% in 1958, to 66% in 1959, and to 74% in 1960.

We believe it is obvious that schools and the financing of them is the biggest financial problem of the town for some years to come. This is not only true from an operating cost point of view, but also from the capital cost the town faces to provide the school plant necessary to accommodate the exploding school population.

In cooperation with the school board, planning board, the selectmen, and several other town departments, projections of student numbers tied to our ever-increasing rate of town growth have been made, and indicate that we will have to build between twenty-five and thirty-five classrooms within the next ten years for our local school system of the first six grades. In our meetings with the Regional School Committee they have indicated to us that the region, too, will be needing additional plant facilities within two or three years.

Realizing the scope of this present and future financial responsibility of the town, we feel that careful planning and full use of all the town's assets must be applied in order to meet these requirements and still maintain some sensible tax structure and sound fiscal position.

As part of this planning our committee is strongly recommending the establishment of a stabilization fund to aid us in this future school building program. We would also like to stress the importance of all the people in the town facing up to what a responsibility and cost an excellent educational program means in terms of dollars and cents.

Our committee has met with all the other town operating departments also, and all of them indicate that own growth is gradually forcing more and more expense on their operations. For the most part, budget increase requests have been small and certainly justified. It is especially evident that continuing increases in the departments involving the protection of life and property are going to be necessary. It is our feeling that these departments are secondary in importance only to schools. Equally important is the need to apply funds and efforts in the area of planning.

We would like to express our firm belief, and advise that the town must plan well in all areas, conserve, and make full use of its existing reserves and assets, look to all sources to increase its tax base and income, and appropriate funds for only those things which are absolutely essential.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GAINES BOLTON
CHARLES RICH
THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR.
BRUNO E. PREVOST
GERRIT FORT, JR.
Finance Committee

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Harry L. Cole School, Boxford, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $5,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1960, and to issue a note or

notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay for labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To appropriate $405.13 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,100.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries of the Town for use toward the maintenance of said libraries; or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $800.00 for the use of the Boxford Library in making necessary repairs at the library building and for the proper maintenance thereof.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 223 of the acts of 1957, so that it may establish a Conservation Commission for the promotion and development of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the town. The Commission to be five in number and appointed by the Selectmen.

Article 12. To see whether the Town will authorize the Planning Board to receive Planning Services through the Massachusetts Department of Commerce with Federal Aid under Section 701 of Title VII of the Housing Act of 1954 as amended, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for this purpose.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $295.00 to pay legal expenses of the plaintiff, concerned with nullifying an illegal decision of the Board of Appeals of the Town of Boxford, Mass.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to continue the improvement of a section of Washington Street under Chapter 90 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be used in conjunction with State and County funds.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $31,500.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, the money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 16. To see whether the Town will accept as public ways or streets any or all of the following: (1) Woodcrest Road to junction of Woodcrest Road and Spruce Lane. (2) Spruce Lane. (3) Redwood Circle.

Article 17. To see if the Town of Boxford will adopt the following by-law:—

Section 1. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm within the limits of any park, playground or other public property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt or fire or discharge any firearm on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof.

Section 2. This by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for each offense.
and to provide for the repeal of any existing by-law relating to hunting and the discharging of firearms which may be inconsistent with the foregoing by-law.

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take relative to increasing the school committee to five members.

Article 19. To see what action the Town will take relative to acquiring additional land for the Harry Lee Cole School site, and to raise and appropriate any necessary sum of money therefor.

Article 20. To see what action the Town will take relative to acquiring additional land for the Gardner Morse School site in West Boxford, and to raise and appropriate any necessary sum of money therefor.

Article 21. To see what action the Town will take relative to confirming the appointment of a school building committee of five members consisting of Mr. Dana Cahoon as chairman and one member of the school committee with the remaining members to be appointed by these two. Also to provide a sum of money for preliminary planning of school building needs and construction and for the hiring of an architect to prepare plans.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a town recreation area planning committee for the purpose of investigating the possibility of making part of the Boy Scout area suitable for a town swimming and recreation area and to raise and appropriate $500.00 for engineering study for this purpose.

Article 23. To see whether the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law to provide that the area enclosed by Route 97, Interstate Route 95, the recently constructed service road and Ipswich Road shall be classified as a business and manufacturing district, except that a strip thereof 300 feet deep perpendicularly from the sidelines of the "Service Road" and Ipswich Road shall be classified as residential district; or take any action in the matter.

Article 24. To see whether the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by adding at the end of paragraph 3 of section VI the following sentence; "Any such use to be only under special permit of the Board of Appeals, which shall first hold a public hearing after notice."

Article 25. To see whether the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by adding in paragraph 5 section VI after the word "inn" the word "motel," so that paragraph 5 will read; "Restaurant, inn, motel; under special permit of the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals before granting such a permit shall hold a public hearing."

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300.00 for the purpose of trading the Police ambulance cruiser for a 1960 model, or take any action on the matter.

Article 27. To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00, or any other proper sum, for the purchase of a 750-gallon pumping engine for the fire department; or take any action in the matter.

Article 28. To see whether the Town will vote to abandon as a public way Ledge Lane, so-called, or such part thereof as may now be a public way.

Article 29. To see whether the Town will vote to accept Sayward Road as a public way.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $80,000.00 or any other sum, for the purpose of establishing a stabilization fund as provided by Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws and determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation or by transfer of available funds in the treasury.

Article 31. To see whether the Town will vote to change the name of Bare Hill Road to Bear Hill Road.

Article 32. To see what action the Town will take relative to the sale or lease to the American Legion certain land owned by the town on Ipswich Road near the entrance to the Y.M.C.A. camp ("Rotary").

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the purchase of two mobile 2-way radios for the Fire Department.

Article 34. To see whether the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 493 of the Acts of 1959 relative to increasing certain retirement allowances and pensions.

Article 35. To see whether the Town will vote, under the provisions of Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1959, to increase the pensions or retirement allowances of Harry F. Moore and Xavier F. Petitjean, or either of them, to $1,200.00 per annum.

Article 36. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Assessor of Taxes for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; Surveyor of Highways, East Parish, for one year; Surveyor of Highways, West Parish, for one year; Tree Warden for one year; Constable, East Parish, for one year; Constable, West Parish, for one year; two members of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Regional District School Committee for three years; one member of the Committee on School Funds for life.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meetings houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1960

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 1,450.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	2,300.00
Treasurer	650.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Collector of Taxes	2,000.00
Town Accountant	2,000.00
Registrars	300.00
Elections	1,000.00
Planning Board	275.00
Appeal Board	200.00
Building Inspector	900.00
Wire Inspector	850.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Board of Health	2,800.00
Inspection of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	70.00
Police	4,700.00
Forest Warden	2,500.00
Fire Warden	2,500.00
Tree Warden	1,400.00
Moth Suppression	1,500.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,000.00

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	)	
Disability Assistance	)	
Aid to Dependent Children	)	20,000.00
Old Age Assistance	)	
Central Essex Welfare		600.00
Veterans' Benefits		2,000.00

SCHOOL AND LIBRARIES

School	114,706.34
Vocational Education	300.00
Regional District School	143,276.51

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81 — Maintenance	3,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	2,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,000.00
Street Lighting	850.00
Highway Vacation Account	1,000.00
Sick Benefit	200.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	1,700.00
Public Grounds	350.00
Town Forest	200.00
Civil Defense	400.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Memorial Day	300.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Town Reports	800.00
Clerical	500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	2,200.00
School House Note	7,000.00
Land Damage	950.00

ANNUAL REPORT

of

The Masconomet Regional
District School

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1959

Report of The Masconomet Regional District School

Report Of The Masconomet Regional District School Committee For Year Ending December 31, 1959

The Masconomet Regional District School Committee is pleased to submit to the citizens of the District its second annual report. However, the 1958 report included activities of the committee and the staff, whereas this report will include only the activities of the committee, since the Superintendent-Principal is making a separate report.

ORGANIZATION

Several changes occurred in the membership of the committee during 1959. Dr. Louis Vrettos, a member of the Boxford School Committee, replaced Mr. Richard Bowler as the representative of the Boxford School Committee. At its organization meeting on April 12, 1959, Mr. J. Harrison Holman was re-elected as Chairman and Mr. Richard E. Quinn of Middleton was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Mr. Bowler was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer at a regular meeting on May 6, 1959. At a regular meeting on October 21, 1959, Mr. Bowler resigned as Secretary and Mrs. Harvey W. Perry was appointed Secretary to the committee. On November 18, 1959 the committee regretfully accepted the resignation of one of its original and valued members, Mr. Godfrey G. Torrey of Topsfield. The members of the Regional Committee who served with Mr. Torrey wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to him for his outstanding contribution to the success of the establishment of this educational institution. His forthright approach to problems of school construction, equipment selection and school operation led to many savings which will be of benefit to the committee for many years. As a member of the Educational Sub-Committee which interviewed and selected all the members of the school staff, Mr. Torrey played an important part in the selection of our very fine administrative and teaching staff. The vacancy left by Mr. Torrey has been filled by Dr. Arthur O. McCoubrey of Topsfield who was appointed by the Topsfield Board of Selectmen and the Topsfield members of the Regional School Committee to serve until the next annual election.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

In its dual role as a building committee and a school committee, the Masconomet Regional School Committee had the task of being sure that the school building was ready for occupancy and teaching by the scheduled school opening date of September 9, 1959. A total of forty-one regular meetings and seven special meetings were held during the year 1959 and, at these meetings, the full committee held many conferences with the architects to iron out details of con-

struction ranging from the selection of colors and fabrics to decisions in regard to tennis courts, driveways and walks.

In the month of April, the committee accepted a small section of the building so that the staff could move into the new building and the old farmhouse could be demolished. In the final construction, work progressed as scheduled and the building was accepted section by section as they were completed. It is a matter of record that the building was ready as scheduled and we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Rich and Tucker Associates, Inc. and E. H. Porter Construction Co., general contractor, who were responsible for the design and construction of the building.

Worthy of mention is the fact that the general contractor completed the entire $1,816,381.00 contract with all extras for a total figure of $1,816,615.42, just $234.42 over the original contract figure. This is an indication as to the attention given to the construction by the architect, general contractor and your Regional School Committee.

Before a school building may be occupied it must be equipped. The committee was fortunate in securing the services of Samuel Crabtree, Equipment Consultant, who consulted with the committee, superintendent-principal and department heads on equipment requirements and wrote complete specifications on all the capital equipment in the school. Mr. Crabtree's organization handled many of the details in connection with the procurement of the equipment and made a real contribution to the successful opening of the school.

One of the major decisions of the committee was that of purchasing the Linguatrainer. The Language Laboratory of twenty-four stations is the principal facility of the Department of Foreign Languages. This equipment incorporates the very latest mechanical and instructional advances in electronic research. The Linguatrainer, developed by General Electronics and Science-Electronics, Inc., in collaboration with M. I. T., is installed for the first time in a public school at our Masconomet Regional High School to support the auraloral method of language instruction and learning being carried on in Grades 7 through 12.

As the work on the building, selection of staff and equipment progressed, the committee began to give some study to naming special areas of the building for individuals who have contributed to the member towns of the region. The committee was proud to dedicate the Franklin C. Roberts, Sr. Library, the Archibald Jones Gymnasium and the Henry Follansbee Long Auditorium.

Franklin C. Roberts, Sr. Library: The library of Masconomet Regional High School is dedicated to one of the school's earliest and most respected advocates, Prof. Franklin C. Roberts, Sr. Throughout his long career, Prof. Roberts has retained the youthful respect and enthusiasm for education that can envision the superior advantages a regional school brings to its communities. Prof. Roberts has been actively interested in local government since 1918 when he served Middleton as town accountant and then school committeeman.

Presently Prof. Roberts serves on the regional school board and the board of selectmen in Boxford, where he resides with his wife Beatrice.

Archibald Jones Gymnasium: Archibald L. Jones, 1899-1948, was one of Middleton's most unselfish and best-loved citizens. During a seventeen-year period, he held a series of elective offices totalling forty-three years of capable service to his community and his district. From 1935-1938, he served as Representative to the General Court for the towns of Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield, and Danvers. In establishing the Archibald L. Jones Gymnasium, it is appropriate to recall that it was Mr. Jones, who during the days of the Depression was in great measure responsible for having a town park developed principally for the benefit of Middleton's young people.

Henry F. Long Auditorium: Henry Follansbee Long, 1883-1956, is perhaps best remembered by all citizens of the three towns as one of Massachusetts' ablest Commissioners or Corporations and Taxation, a position he held for thirty-three consecutive years. It may come as a surprise, however, even to his friends and neighbors in Topsfield to learn that Mr. Long began his extensive career in community service in 1905 as a Trustee of the Topsfield Public Library. From that date to his retirement in 1953, Mr. Long held increasingly important positions of trust in the affairs of this state.

Another contribution to the successful completion of the school was that made by the combined Garden Clubs of the member towns under the leadership of Mrs. William C. Abbott, Sr. of Topsfield. This group took over the responsibility of all the planting around the school and was successful in getting the work completed by Dedication Day so that our school gave the appearance of being completed and established on the outside as well as on the inside.

DEDICATION

On October 18, 1959 the Masconomet Regional High School was dedicated. This service was a climax representing the end of one phase of our work which was started in the Spring of 1955 when the Moderators of the three member towns appointed the committee to investigate the possibility of a regional school. The exercises were carried out extremely well giving real evidence to the fact that the Masconomet Regional High School, was, after only five weeks of operation, well organized and on its way to becoming an outstanding educational institution. We were fortunate in being able to obtain Dr. Asa S. Knowles, President of Northeastern University to deliver the dedication address.

LOOKING AHEAD

It is the prime responsibility of your committee to study the needs of and provide the educational facilities for the grades 7 through 12 high school students for the entire region.

Since enrollment projection clearly indicates that the present 1,000-pupil capacity of the school will be reached by September of

1961, it now becomes a necessity that the Masconomet Regional District School Committee give immediate consideration to plans for constructing additional classrooms. Fortunately, we have provided core facilities such as plumbing and heating for two four-room additions, one to each wing of the main building. These additions would provide classrooms and an opportunity to enlarge the Guidance Department which is now seriously overcrowded.

Long before the eight additional rooms are completed, your committee will be making a study of future requirements based on the best population and school enrollment forcasts available for the member towns.

In concluding this report, the Regional School Committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all citizens and officials of the member towns who have been most generous and helpful to the Committee in assisting it in carrying on its work.

J. Harrison Holman, Chairman
Richard E. Quinn, Vice Chairman
M. Douglas Banus
Merton Barrows
Rosamond L. Bastable
Arthur O. McCoubrey
Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.
Robert T. Sperry
Louis Vrettos
Richard Bowler, Jr., Treasurer
Martha P. Perry, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-PRINCIPAL

To the School Committee and the Citizens of the Masconomet Regional School District

I have the pleasure to submit my first annual report on the operation of your Regional High School.

September 14, 1959 marked the beginning of a new era in the educational program of the three towns of Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield. On this date the Regional High School opened for the District's boys and girls of secondary school age. It also brought to a climax the labors and efforts of many persons, several of whom, over a period of at least six years, had literally lived with the regional school project since its inception. It goes without saying that there were numerous problems of planning, constructing, and organizing that had to be faced and solved before this splendid educational facility — Masconomet Regional High School — could become a reality.

Every parent and citizen of the District has a right to be exceedingly proud of the beautiful structure they have erected so that the educational needs of their boys and girls of junior and senior high school age may be fully met. It is indeed a magnificent accomplishment and a splendid example of democracy in action; of people working together toward a common purpose. It has been a privilege to have been associated with this project, and I would like to thank the citizens of the Masconomet Regional School District for giving me the opportunity to plan the program for your new regional high school. The opportunity to develop a completely new educational institution is something many educators dream about and wish for, but which few of them ever have.

The ensuing sections of this report will, I trust, be helpful in providing for all citizens a fuller understanding of their Regional High School, its organization, its operation, and its educational goals.

Preliminary Planning and Organization

Before the Regional High School could open its doors to receive students, a tremendous amount of planning and organizing was necessary. Some of the ways in which this was accomplished may be of interest.

A Faculty Planning Committee that included the assistant principals, the guidance director, and department chairmen was formed to work on important planning matters. The group met regularly with the Superintendent-Principal during the second semester of the 1958-59 school year, devoting its efforts to such tasks as writing an educational philosophy to guide the new school, deciding on the subjects to be taught, and selecting the textbooks and related instructional materials to be used in teaching the subjects.

A Program of Studies booklet describing the subject offerings at each grade level, as well as giving general information about the

school and its educational program, was written and published. This later was distributed to all students planning to enroll in the school. During the months of April and May, the Guidance Director met several times with parent groups in each of the towns to talk about the school and its program, and to answer questions about the course offerings, the testing program, and the methods to be used in grouping students for instructional purposes. Many of these parents later held individual conferences with the Guidance Director for the purpose of planning what subjects their sons or daughters would take at Masconomet.

During these same months he also met with student groups then attending Topsfield, North Andover, and Salem High Schools, to acquaint them with the course offerings of the new school and to give individual help in the preparation of each student's program. Special attention was directed to incoming ninth and twelfth graders. This required many evening meetings at each of the elementary schools for individual conferences with this group of students and their parents. I am sure that such individual attention was an important factor in helping all students make a smooth transition to the new school environment, and especially so in the case of upper-class students whose previous school records required careful consideration and study in order that no loss would accrue to them because of the change of schools.

When the course selection blanks of all students had been returned to the school, they were handed over to the assistant principals for use in working out the master schedule of classes. Building the master schedule for any school is a difficult job. In this case, however, the task was complicated further by three factors: 1) the variety of patterns of student subject selection, 2) our wish to schedule each student into class sections most appropriate for him in terms of his ability and past record of performance in the subject, and 3) the organization of the school as a six-year unit, which involved many instances of teachers being programmed to teach at both the upper and lower grade levels of the school. The care with which this scheduling job was done contributed immeasurably to the orderly opening of school, and has been responsible for the continued smoothness of our day-to-day operation during these first four months.

All department chairmen began their duties on August 1, 1959. During this month they worked on course of study outlines, met together regularly to work out policies and procedures for the orderly operation of the school, unpacked and checked in equipment and textbooks, and readied their departments for the opening of school. A committee under the Chairman of the English Department compiled a student handbook which proved most helpful in the orientation of students.

The full faculty assembled on September 1 to begin a series of workshops that extended over an eight-day period. The daily pattern followed in these workshops included a morning assembly of all staff

members to receive instruction on the administrative policies and operational procedures to be employed in the new school, and to hear talks by the guidance director, the Supervisor of Handwriting, and the Superintendent-Principal. Afternoon meetings were held by the department chairmen to discuss department matters with the teachers concerned. These pre-school staff orientation meetings were most worthwhile and in large measure contributed to the smoothness with which school opened. It is planned to continue to hold such pre-school opening workshops for staff members annually.

Transportation

One of the complex problems of organization that had to be dealt with before school could open was that of transportation. It was agreed that the transportation system for the regional school should be set-up to serve the needs of the students attending. In keeping with this philosophy the bus plan finally adopted provides two separate late-sessions trips. This permits students who desire to work in the library after school, secure extra help from their teachers, or participate in one or more of the extra-curricular activities such as clubs, dramatics, and athletics to do so without worrying about how they are to get home.

I am indebted to Mr. Rodney C. Dresser, Assistant Principal, for working out the many details in connection with establishing the bus routes for the Regional High School. The smoothness with which our transportation service is operating attests to the fine job that he has done. Three-year contracts to provide transportation service for the Regional School were awarded to Ramsey's Bus Service, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Basil S. Kinson, of Georgetown, Massachusetts who were the low bidders. We appreciate the fine cooperation of Mr. Kinson who does the major portion of the transportation, in helping us solve many of the early problems encountered and for keeping the fleet operating smoothly and on schedule.

Student Planning Committee

The desirability of having students participate in the planning of the activity program to be carried on in ther new school was recognized as important to the initial success of the total operation. Accordingly, a student planning committee of twenty-one students, seven from each town, was formed. The Committee met weekly during the spring with members of the administrative staff. Meetings were held consecutively in each of the three towns with the final meeting taking place at the Regional High School, so that committee members could tour the nearly completed building which was soon to become their new school home.

Meeting discussions centered around the extra-curricular program which the students would like to see operating in their school. School colors, the athletic program, clubs, academic honor awards, building traffic, student driving to school, standards of dress were

some of the many topics considered. The final report of the committee secretary revealed that the group had 1) chosen Scarlet and White as the official school colors; 2) decided that they wished to be known as "The Chieftains" in athletic circles; 3) worked out and adopted "standards of dress" for students, both for daily school attendance and for social events; 4) selected the official school ring which had been especically designed for Maconomet; and 5) approved the establishment of a chapter of the National Honor Society.

Pre-Opening Orientation For Students

During a period of three one-half day sessions preceding the formal opening of school, students were brought in two grades at a time for a special orientation program. Activities on these days included tours of the buildings; assembling with homeroom teachers for the purpose of completing details of registration, securing locker assignments, and copying individual class schedules; and, an assembly at which all members of the faculty were presented and short addresses of welcome were given by the administrators.

"M-Day", as members of the staff referred to it, was Monday, September 14, 1959, when all of the preliminary planning and organizational work which had preceded was put to the real test with the arrival of 754 students on this opening day. I am glad to report that operation "M-Day" was a complete success. The students were understanding, cooperative, and had little difficulty in adjusting to their new school, even though matters were complicated to some extent by the fact that all areas of the building were not entirely completd and some of the furniture and equipment had not yet arrived.

One week later the students and teachers had settled into the routine of the daily operation. In fact, so much so, that a chance visitor to the school was amazed to learn that the school had been in operation for such a short time. Now, after four months of operation, it is evident to even the most casual observer that there is a wholesome spirit about the school. Students are interested and enthusiastic, take a real pride in their new school, and are working as a united student body in a variety of projects and activities, to enhance the prestige and promote the best interests of Masconomet Regional High School.

Enrollment

As previously indicated the opening day enrollment was 754 pupils. Late registrants increased this total to 768 as of Oct. 1, 1959. The breakdown by grade and town is given in the following table:

Enrollment - October 1, 1959

Grade	Boxford	Middleton	Topsfield	Total
7	41	60	74	175
8	37	60	61	158
9	27	41	46	114
10	22	36	57	115
11	31	42	36	109
12	35	35	27	97
Total	193	274	301	768

Enrollment projections for September 1960 indicate that the number of students will be 913, an increase of 18.7%. At this rate of increase, it is apparent that the present 1000-pupil capacity of the building will be reached by September 1961. This will necessitate early consideration of plans for constructing additional classrooms, if later serious overcrowding and consequent curtailment of the educational offering is to be avoided.

The Instructional Program

The instructional program at Masconomet has been carefully planned to serve the needs, interests, and abilities of all the pupils from grades 7-12. The offerings in grades 7 and 8, which are required of all pupils, are designed to provide these boys and girls with a solid foundation in the tool subjects — English, Arithmetic, Science, and Social Studies. In addition, opportunity is given for each to enlarge and develop his special talents and interests through explorations into the fields of Music, Art, Foreign Language, Industrial Arts, and Home Economics. Required participation in Physical Education provides for the building of strong bodies and training in a variety of game skills.

In grades 9-12 the educational program is built around certain prescribed subjects from the fields of English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science, which are required of all students regardless of their future educational or vocational plans. To these basic subjects each student selects, under guidance, additional subjects as best suited to his needs and in keeping with his future educational and vocational goals.

To properly provide for the diversified needs of all students requires that our program of studies be a wide and varied one. It means that students must be placed in recitation groups on an ability level where they can be expected to do their best work Our goal is to secure a high level of achievement from very student commensurate with his ability as this is known to be. In this connection our guidance department through its testing program and its counseling services plays an important role. As the amount of

objective data on file increases for each student, we in the school will be in a better position to help the student and his parents arrive at a more realistic understanding of the former's over-all educational program and objectives, as well as to appraise the extent to which the student is meeting these goals. Such data will also help the staff to appraise the extent to which the total educational offering of the school is generally meeting the needs of students and thus lead to possible future curriculum changes.

I feel that it should be clearly understood that our task of meeting completely and fully the varied educational needs of our students is a most difficult one. It cannot be accomplished successfully until there is uniformity of instruction, curriculum content, and standards of achievement in the elementary schools of the member towns. This requires the development of a close working relationship between these schools and the Regional High School if all our entering students are to find themselves adequately prepared to cope successfully with their studies.

A beginning in this direction was made last spring when the administrators of the local schools met at the Regional school to work out with us a uniform program of achievement and aptitude testing to be used in grades 1-12. This program is now in operation and in future years should prove of considerable value as we work together to bring about higher levels of accomplishment on the part of all pupils in the district. Additional meetings are planned during the present school year for sixth and seventh grade teachers in an effort to provide better articulation between the elementary schools of the district and the Regional School.

Education Beyond High School

Increasing enrollments in colleges and other institutions of higher learning have led to a stiffening of the requirements for admission. Just having the desire to continue one's education after graduation from high school is not enough these days to gain admission to post-secondary schools. Nor is one's prowess in the field of sports, or in club life, or in social activities a guarantee of success at the admissions office. Admittedly these attributes do have a bearing on the total picture, but only to the extent to which they support and supplement the central element, namely, the quality of the academic record presented.

Each year finds more schools and colleges using the tests of the College Entrance Examination Board as a means of screening applicants for admission. These are difficult hurdles to jump. Students aspiring to continue their education beyond high school must recognize early in their high school years the importance of hard work and steady and conscientious application to their studies. Parents, too, realize that getting into college or other types of post-secondary schools is not as easy as it perhaps was in the days when they were applicants.

The truth of the matter is that post-secondary schools of all kinds are more and more becoming geared to the student who is well-qualified in terms of subject-matter background, and who in addition has demonstrated initiative, high scholastic ability, and a seriousness of purpose which makes further educational training a realistic goal for him to pursue.

If Masconomet Regional High School is to be successful in helping her graduates gain admission to the schools or colleges of their choice in these competitive times, it must have two things: 1) the whole-hearted support and interest of parents, and 2) students who have developed a seriousness of purpose and a degree of maturity that will help them to face up realistically to their individual strengths and weaknesses.

Staff

The quality of the school and the effectiveness of the learning process developed therein is dependent entirely on the excellence of the teaching staff. To have high level instruction requires a staff of teachers who are well-qualified in their subject specialty, well-trained in classroom techniques and teaching methods, have a deep respect and understanding of children, and are professionally alert.

Masconomet is indeed fortunate in having an exceptionally competent corps of teachers. The number of years of professional training and the number of years of teaching experience possessed by staff members provides a partial indication of quality. Of the 49 staff members presently employed, 22, or 45%, have the Bachelor's Degree; 20, or 41%, have the Master's Degree; and 7, or 14%, have thirty or more semester hours of graduate professional study beyond the Master's degree. The median number of years of teaching experience is 7, while the average for the 49-member staff is 8½ years. Several factors have contributed to the assembling of this fine group of teachers: the thoroughness with which candidates were screened, the allure of a new and well-equipped building, the opportunity to have a part in developing and shaping the curriculum and to establish this new school, and the attractiveness of the salary schedule. In today's highly competitive teachers' market this last factor plays an increasingly important part.

On September 17, 1958 the School Committee adopted a salary schedule having a minimum salary of $4,000 for a teacher with a Bachelor's degree and no experience. At that time the State minimum was $3,600. In September 1960 the State minimum salary will be $4,000. Thus an upward revision in the salary schedule is necessitated in order for Masconomet to retain its favorable position among schools in the county and to meet the increasing competition for high quality teachers. Accordingly, the School Committee has voted recently to raise the minimum salary to $4,300. The new range of salaries to be effective September 1, 1960 will be as follows:

	Class I Bachelor's Degree or the equivalent	Class II Master's Degree or the equivalent	Class III Master's Degree plus 30 approved semester hours
Minimum	$4,300	$4,600	$5,000
Normal Maximum	$6,800	$7,100	$7,500
Attainable Maximum	$7,800	$8,100	$8,500

It should be pointed out that of the present total of 49 comprising the instructional staff, 18 have duties which may be classified as combinations of supervision, classroom instruction, guidance, counseling, attendance, and administration. The non-teaching staff, which includes those doing clerical, custodial, and cafeteria work, numbers twenty. With the increased enrollment for 1960 it will be necessary to add eight more teachers to the instructional staff.

Student Insurance

All students were given the opportunity to belong to an accident insurance plan at the nominal cost of $1.25 each. The plan sponsored by the Massachusetts Casualty Company provides protection while they are in school and while enroute to and from school. Since football is the only activity that is not covered in this plan, a special insurance plan operated by the New England Council of Secondary School Principals Associations, is used for varsity and junior varsity football players.

The Extra-Curricular Program

Although Masconomet has been in operation only a little more than four months, a number of extra-curricular activities have already been organized. Our football team played a schedule of five games compiling a record of 2 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie. Cross-country attracted the interest of a number of boys who participated in six dual meets, two district meets, and the state meet. Our girls, likewise, enjoyed a successful first-year season in Field Hockey achieving a record of 3 wins, 2 losses, and 3 ties.

In non-athletic activities there is an active announcers' club, a dramatics club, library and art service clubs, and most recently a receptionist group made up of volunteers from among the business education students. Musical groups which have been formed include orchestra, band, a 7th and 8th grade chorus, a senior high chorus, and the Masconomet Singers. This latter group made its first public appearance at the formal dedicatory exercises on Sunday, October 18, 1959, and did a perfectly splendid job after only three weeks of training.

In December the Dramatics Club presented a very successful production of the play "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay". The seniors are working on the copy for the school yearbook "MITOBO"

which is to make its debut in June 1960. Another group of students is currently developing plans to publish a still un-named literary magazine.

It is through such activities as these and others that many of our students have an opportunity to develop special talents and to gain recognition and rewards outside the formal academic program of the school.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the wonderful cooperation, understanding, and help given me by the School Committee, my administrative assistants, the teachers and other school personnel in carrying out the responsibilities which have been mine in connection with the establishment of Masconomet Regional High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Julius H. Mueller

Superintendent-Principal

Masconomet Regional School District
Boxford, Massachusetts

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1960-1961
FALL TERM

1960

Thursday, September 1 — Meeting of Department Heads
September 6, 7, 8 and 9 — Teacher Orientation and Workshops
Thursday, September 8 — Orientation for 7th Graders
Monday, September 12 — School Opens - first day of classes
Wednesday, October 12 — Columbus Day - no school
Friday, November 11 - Veterans' Day - no school
Wednesday, November 23 — Thanksgiving Recess - school closes at 12:15
Monday, November 28 — School reopens
Friday, December 23 — Christmas Recess - school closes at 12:15 p.m.

1961

Winter Term

Tuesday, January 3 — School re-opens
Friday, February 17 — Winter Recess - school closes regular time
Monday, February 27 — School Re-opens
Friday, March 31 — Good Friday - no school
Friday, April 14 — Spring Recess - school closes regular time

Spring Term

Monday, April 24 — School Re-opens
Tuesday, May 30 - Memorial Day - schools closed
Thursday, June 15 - Graduation (tentative)
*Friday, June 23 — School closes for summer vacation
Friday, June 30 — Last day for teachers
July 10 - August 18 — Summer Session (6 weeks)

*Provided school has been in session 180 days as required by Massachusetts law.

Student Activities Fund — Financial Statement

As Of Year Ending December 31, 1959

Organization	Balance
Class of 1960	$ 394.30
Class of 1961	129.02
Music Department (Deposits and Rentals)	170.00
Dramatic Club	98.51
Proceeds School Play	227.87
Sanitary Napkins	14.70
Music Department (General)	— 13.00
Class of 1964	— 7.09
Total All Accounts	$1,014.31
Arlington Trust Co. Bank Statement, Dec. 31, 1959	$1,147.30
Less Outstanding Checks	132.99
	$1,014.31

Athletic Revolving Fund 1959

As Of December 31, 1959

Receipts

1959 Appropriation	$1,500.00
Football	512.20
Basketball (Boys)	158.05
Total	$2,170.25

Disbursements

Football	$403.60	
Cross Country	10.00	
Girls' Field Hockey	13.25	
Boys' Basketball	95.24	
Miscellaneous (dues, memberships, insurance, etc.)	35.00	
Cash on hand for change	57.50	
Total	$614.59	$ 614.59
Balance, December 31, 1959		$1,555.66

School Lunch Program

1959 Financial Report

Receipts		
1959 Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Income from sales of lunches, Sept. 21, 1959 through Dec. 22, 1959		12,567.58
Federal Reimbursements — September and October 1959		1,826.43
Total Receipts		$16,894.01
Disbursements		
Food	$11,191.29	
Labor	5,343.61	
Equipment and Supplies	502.09	
Total Disbursements		$17,036.99
Balance December 31, 1959		$— 142.98*

*Offset by Federal Reimbursement claims for months of November and December 1959 totaling $1,863.23 not yet received, and food inventory amounting to $1,552.28.

STATISTICS

Total Lunches served to students, including Free Lunches	35,722
Free Lunches	711
Adult Lunches served	2,008
Extra Student Milk	11,964
Percent student participation in Hot Lunch Program	78.9%
Percent Student participation Milk Only (Type C Lunch)	26.6%

Driver Education Fund

As Of December 31, 1959

Receipts		
Student Fees		$380.00
Expenditures		
Instruction Salaries	$120.00	120.00
Balance December 31, 1959		$260.00

1960 Budget

*Budget 1959	Budget Category	Budget 1960
$ 18,577.00	General Control	$ 21,856.00
128,054.00	Expense of Instruction	354,155.00
21,691.00	Expense of Operating School Plant	54,540.00
2,610.00	Maintenance and Repairs	10,311.00
52,523.00	Auxiliary Agencies	80,621.00
600.00	Other Expense	4,750.00
$224,055.00	Total Expenses	$526,233.00

1959	Estimated Receipts	1960
——	State Reimbursement, Transportation Chapter 71	$ 40,779.90
——	Summer School Tuition	3,100.00
——	Miscellaneous	500.00
——	Total Estimated Receipts	$ 44,379.90
	Portion of Estimated Receipts to apply toward Budget	$ 40,233.00
$224,055.00	Net Operating Budget Apportionable to the Three Towns	$486,000.00
	Net Increase of 1960 Budget over 1959 Budget	$261,945.00

Calculation of apportionment of operating expenses to each member town based on their respective pupil enrollments in the Regional School, as of October 1, 1959

Member Town	Enrollment Grs. 7-12	Percentage of Total	Net Total Oper. Cost	Member Town's Share
Boxford	193	25.14%	$486,000	$122,180.40
Middleton	274	35.67%	486,000	173,356.20
Topsfield	301	39.19%	486,000	190,463.40
	768	100.00%	$468,000	$486,000.00

*School only in operation 4 months.

1959		1960
$ None	Capital Outlay	$ 1,371.00
180,775.00	Debt Service	177,325.00
$180,775.00	Total	$178,696.00
71,040.00	State Construction Aid Reimbursement	72,150.00
60,000.00	Planning Aid Reimbursement	None
$ 49,735.00	Net Capital Costs for year ending December 31, 1960	$106,546.00

Capital Costs under the Terms of the Original Agreement are apportioned to Member Towns on the percentage basis shown below:

Member Town	Percentage Basis	Net Capital Costs 1960	Member Town's Share
Boxford	19.8%	$106,546	$ 21,096.11
Middleton	39.8%	106,546	42,405.31
Topsfield	40.4%	106,546	43,044.58
	100.0%	$106,546	$106,546.00

Summary of Assessments due from Member Towns for Operating and Capital Costs for year ending December 31, 1960

Town Assessment	Operating	Capital	Total
Boxford	$122,180.40	$ 21,096.11	$143,276.51
Middleton	173,356.20	42,405.31	215,761.51
Topsfield	190,463.40	43,044.58	233,507.98

Total Operating	$486,000.00		
Total Capital		$106,546.00	
Total Operating and Capital			$592,546.00

Masconomet Regional School District
Boxford, Massachusetts

STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1959

ITEM	1959 Budget	Expended 1959	Balance Over or (Under)
GENERAL CONTROL			
1. Salary of Supt.-Prin.	$ 8,974.00	$ 9,270.89	($ 296.89)
2. Supt's. Travel	600.00	417.60	182.40
3. Treasurer's Salary	250.00	250.00	——
4. Clerical Service	6,167.00	7,408.31	(1,241.31)
5. Attendance Officer	100.00	100.00	——
6. Other Expense	2,486.00	3,537.23	(1,051.23)
	$ 18,577.00	$ 20,984.03	($ 2,407.03)
EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION			
7. Teachers' Salaries	$ 95,917.00	$107,230.53	($ 11,313.53)
8. Expense of School Office	3,024.00	4,212.48	(1,188.48)
9. Textbooks	20,400.00	23,428.38	(3,028.38)
10. Supplies	8,713.00	8,794.81	(81.81)
	$128,054.00	$143,666.20	($ 15,612.20)
EXPENSE OF OPERATING SCHOOL PLANT			
11. Custodians' Salaries	$ 8,345.00	$ 8,299.35	$ 45.65
12. Fuel	6,000.00	1,477.26	4,522.74
13. Miscellaneous	7,346.00	6,623.45	722.55
	$ 21,691.00	$ 16,400.06	$ 5,290.94
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS			
14. Maintenance and Repairs	$ 2,610.00	$ 2,431.17	$ 178.83
AUXILIARY AGENCIES			
15. Transportation	$ 29,800.00	$ 17,987.90	$ 11,812.10
16. Library Serviced	1,534.00	305.09	1,228.91
17. Health and Physical Education	9,970.00	9,179.19	790.81
18. Miscellaneous	11,219.00	11,062.29	156.71
	$ 52,523.00	$ 38,534.47	$ 13,988.53
OTHER EXPENSE			
19. Out Of State Travel	$ 500.00	$ 234.08	$ 265.92
20. Evening Use of School Building	100.00	($ 10.00)	110.00
	$ 600.00	$ 224.08	$ 375.92
TOTAL	$224,055.00	$222,240.01	$ 1,814.99

Balance, December 31, 1959 Transferred to Surplus Revenue ..... $ 1,814.99

Masconomet Regional School District

Boxford, Massachusetts

REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1959

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Cash			Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
General	$214,340.43		Federal Taxes		$ 641.01
Advance for Petty	80.00	$ 214,420.43	Revolving Funds:		
			Athletic Activities	$ 1,555.66	
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:			Driver Education	260.00	1,815.66
School Lunch Program		142.98	Appropriation Balances:		
			Revenue:		
			General	1,814.99	
			Non-Revenue:		
			School Construction	126,244.22	128,059.21
			Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		80.00
			Surplus Revenue		83,967.53
		$ 214,563.41			$ 214,563.41

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$2,135,000.00	Serial Loans: School Loan 1958	$2,135,000.00
	$2,135,000.00		$2,135,000.00

s/ James P. Flynn, Auditor

Masconomet Regional High School

Boxford, Massachusetts

STAFF - FALL OF 1959

Name	Position	Education	Yrs. Prev. Exp.
Julius H. Mueller	Superintendent-Principal	Bates College - BS Boston University - Ed M - CAGS	28
Rodney C. Dresser	Assistant Principal - Arithmetic - General Math.	Tufts College - BS - M Ed	14
Luther A. Howard	Assistant Principal - Algebra	Boston University - BS - MA - D Ed	11
Milton C. Burton	Guidance Director	Keene Teachers' College - Ed B Northeastern University - Ed M Boston University - CAGS	14
Helen V. Barry	French - Latin	Emmanuel College - AB	17
Roger W. Barry	English - Journalism	Boston College - BS Salem Teachers' College - M Ed	4
*Herschel G. Benson	Physical Education	University of Illinois - BS - MA	12
Dorothy H. Blanchard	Family Living - Homemaking - Advanced Foods	University of Massachusetts - BS	8
Gelean M. Campbell	Geometry - Algebra - Faculty Manager	Boston University - BS	3
Beatrice S. Couhig	Physical Education - Coach, Girls' Sports	Boston University - Sargent - BS	20
Joseph A. Curran, Jr.	Science - Visual Aids	Salem Teachers' College - BS	4
Benjamin Davenport	U. S. History - World History - Civics	Colgate College - AB - MA	3
Erna W. Fullerton	Latin - German - French	Colby College - BA	16
*Donald Gay	Instrument Classes - Music - Band - Chorus	University of Maine - BA	23
John L. George	Geography - History	Clark University - MA	2
Shirley D. Hammond	English	Houghton College - BA	1
Robert A. Hawkes	Industrial Arts - Shop - Coach	Gorham State Teachers' College - BS	2
Elizabeth Hunter	Counseling - English	University of Virginia - BS	10

*Department Chairman

Alice B. Howard	Librarian	Connecticut College - BA Simmons College - MS	10
Jean Jarvie	Music - Orchestra	Oberlin College - BME Boston University - MM	5
Elizabeth S. Kennedy	Shorthand - Typing - Office Practice	Boston University - BS - Ed M	9
Edwin M. Leach	English - History	Harvard College - AB	3
Ralph V. LoPilato	Science	Salem Teachers' College - BS Ed Boston University - Ed M	8
*John C. Lovewell	Latin - Spanish - French	Harvard College - AB - AM	7
Richard H. Mansfield	Mathematics - Applied Chemistry - Science	University of Vermont - BS	2
J. Paul Marcoux	English - Speech	Fitchburg State Teachers' College - BS Boston University - M Ed	3
Jacquelynne M. McLucas	English	Jackson College - AB	1
Theodore C. Meinelt	Art	Mass. School of Art - BS Ed	16
Jessie E. Middleton	Physical Education - Coach, Girls' Sports - Driver Ed.	Curtland State Teachers' College - BS Ed	4
Allison Parker	English - Spanish	Cornell University - BS	2
Robert W. Parker	Industrial Arts - Shop Math. - Driver Education	Gorham State Teachers' College - BS	4
*Richard W. Pavesi	Industrial Arts - Mechanical Drawing	Fitchburg State Teachers' College - BS - Ed M	11
Gerald Plumley	Physical Education - Coach	Springfield College - BS	3
*Lionel J. Poulin	Geometry - Analytic Geometry - Trigonometry - French	University of Montreal - BS Ed - MPCN	16
Nathan Purpel	Counseling - Civics	Northeastern University - AB Boston University - Ed M	3
Walter C. Roberts	Arithmetic - Basic Math. - Coach, Baseball and Football	Holy Cross - BS Ed Fitchburg State Teachers' College - M Ed	12
Mary M. Rowell	Science - Arithmetic	Columbia University - BS Chem.	7
Dorothy E. Senecal	Counseling - Problems of Democracy - U. S. History	Univ. of North Carolina - AB Boston University - MSS	12

*Department Chairman

Herbert E. Silander	Geography - Social Studies - Coach, Cross Country and Basketball	Keen State Teachers' College - B Ed	5
*William R. Stanton	Personal Typing - Business Organization - Economic Geography - Business Arith.	Salem State Teachers' College - BS Boston University - Ed M	13
*Louise O. C. Swenson	Chemistry	Tufts University - AB University of New Hampshire - Ed M	20
Lillian L. Taylor	Arithmetic	Salem Teachers' College - BS Ed	6
Blanche D. Varney	Bookkeeping - Typing - Introduction to Business	University of New Hampshire - MA Ed	27
*William J. Vaughn, Jr.	Problems of Democracy - American History - Sociology - Economics	Bridgewater State Teachers' College - BS Ed Boston University - Ed M	5
Carolyn D. Vaux	English	Salem State Teachers' College - Diploma	13
*Mary Ellen Whearty	Advanced Clothing - Homemaking - House Planning	Framingham State Teachers' College - BS Ed	9
Dudley W. Wiegand	Counseling - English	Clark University - AB Harvard University - STB Boston University - Ed M	0
Audra M. Williams	Advanced Biology - Biology - Chemistry	University of New Hampshire - BA	2
Thomas W. Wight	Physics - Physical Science - Applied Physics	University of Maine - AB - M Ed	5
*Richard P. Zollo	English	Bowdoin College - AB Boston University - M Ed	10

*Department Chairman

Clerical Staff	Position
Elizabeth H. Rider	Secy. to Superintendent-Principal
Sarah P. Walshe	Bookkeeper
Grace H. Lynch	General Office
Marguerite F. Wallen	General Office
Marion E. Seaver	Secy. to Guidance Director
Custodial Staff	
Charles Denault	Supt. of Buildings and Grounds
Nathan Hayward, Jr.	Custodian
Herbert W. Leighton	Custodian
Howard Bandemer	Custodian
William Mugford	Custodian
Priscilla C. Killam	Matron
Cafeteria Staff	
Olive Ruck	Manager
Jean Caso	
Grace Chick	
Hilda Cunningham	
Marie Hoffman	
Alma Ives	
Amy Ross	
Priscilla Saunders	
Medical Staff	
Clarence E. Thornton	Doctor
Helen Hoogerzeil	Nurse